

**UF Water Institute
Faculty Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2009, Wednesday
307 Weil Hall**

Attended by: Berg, Brenner, Haman, Hamann, Frazer, Heaney, Jawitz, Jones, Martin, McCarty, Schuur, Sheng, Graham, McKee, Staal

Discussion items:

1. Talking points for the FAC: Distributed and discussed Water Institute Program Update Fall 2009
2. Announcement of the Kahan Distinguished Scholar Seminar and invitation for the FAC to participate
3. Update on the Program Initiation Fund Projects and outcome of Wenger workshop
4. Update on Springs Research Initiative
5. Misc Discussion and Advice: Discussed balance of activities of Water Institute, increasing visibility of Water Institute, role in requesting faculty positions for stimulus funding, mechanisms to increase faculty participation, potential for appointing/recruiting core faculty or water institute faculty fellows, research web site re-organization.

There were various suggestions for projecting faculty engagement in the UF Water Institute, including letterhead, website, etc. that identified key faculty. Ideas included “designated faculty”-- “core faculty” --“faculty fellows,” including the possibility of covering a percentage of their time. A suggestion was made to consider time that people spend on projects that come wholly out of the WI as a criteria for designation. Other ideas included the creation of Faculty Fellows. Action: reflect on ways to set up “Faculty Fellows” --- potentially a funded position, such as the example of Bacardi Fellows in Center for Latin American Studies.