

UF Water Institute Faculty Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday December 19th 2017
SUMMARY AND ACTION ITEMS

Present: Christine Angelini, Mary Jane Angelo, Tatiana Borisova, Mark Brenner, Nancy Denslow, David Kaplan, Kai Lorenzen, Kati Migliaccio, Todd Osborne, Wendy Graham, Carol Lippincott, Lisette Staal.

Not Present: Tom Bianchi, Matt Cohen, Michael Dukes, Jamie Gillooly, Jon Martin, Tom Waltzek.

Introductions

New FAC members Christine Angilini, Mark Brenner, Kai Lorenzen, and Todd Osborne and Nancy Denslow was welcomed as the new Chair-Elect.

Water Institute Updates

Highlights of the 2016-2017 Water Institute Annual Report submitted to VP David Norton and SVP Jack Payne were presented and discussed. The full annual report can be accessed [here](#).

The status of ongoing WI coordinated projects was discussed including:

- Completion of the \$3M SJRWMD CRISPS project. A video is currently being prepared summarizing project findings and a press release will be issued in early January
- Kick-off of the \$5M multi-institution USDA-NIFA FACETS (Floridan Aquifer Collaborative Engagement for Sustainability) Project. For more details see project [website](#)
- UF WI's new membership in the [USGS Southeast Climate Science Center \(SECSC\)](#). As UF's liaison Wendy Graham will participate in the ecohydrology working group and help craft the next USGS CSC RFP for research. Wendy will solicit input from WI faculty, especially FAC members, as this process unfolds. As a partner institution UF will be eligible to submit proposals to the call. Other partner institutions include Auburn University, Duke University, North Carolina State University, University of S. Carolina and University of Tennessee. Proposals will require partnership with USGS scientists. FAC member Todd Osborne indicated particular interest in following this opportunity,
- On-going coordination of the Florida Water and Climate Alliance and possible upcoming grant opportunities with the [NOAA Restore Act Science Program](#) which will have a water focus.

Upcoming Events

Water Institute Events coming up in the Spring 2018 Semester were reviewed including:

- [WI Symposium – February 6-7, 2018](#) . FAC member are encouraged to attend, and especially encouraged to help with student poster judging competition. You may be hearing from Carol Lippincott about this.

- [Spring 2018 Seminars](#) . FAC Nominations for 2018-2019 seminars are encouraged. Please send nominations to Carol Lippincott (calippincott@ufl.edu)
- RFP for the 2019 Water Institute Graduate Fellows Program will be issued in the spring semester 2018. We will be meeting with the CALS, CLAS, ESSIE, and SNRE Deans/Directors in early 2018 to confirm their continued commitment to this program. Christine Angelini and David Kaplan indicated an interest in meeting with the ESSIE Director and the COE Dean to discuss COE participation in the program.
- Carol Lippincott will be facilitating a collaboration workshop for WI faculty interested in forming teams for the 2019 WIGF program. An announcement about the collaboration workshop will go out in January 2018.
- Faculty Fellow Call for nominations will be issued in April 2018. The idea of allowing Charis, Deans and Directors to be nominated as Faculty Fellows was discussed but the general consensus was that the call should remain as is to avoid potential conflicts of interest.
- Wendy announced that redesign of Water Institute Web site would begin after the 2018 Symposium. We may be asking for WI FAC input on the redesign

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm