

## **University of Florida Water Institute Founding History**

### **September 2004**

**UF Faculty Task Force Proposal** for establishing a campus-wide Water Institute was approved by the University of Florida Faculty Senate

### **December 2004**

**VP Win Phillips** formed a **Faculty Launch Team** to implement the Water Institute

### **January 2005 - December 2005**

Defined the mission for the Water Institute

Developed a draft strategic & business plan for Water Institute

Developed web-site, faculty expertise database, brochures, etc

Conducted a national/international search for the Founding Director of the Institute

### **February 2006**

Progress Energy announces \$1.2 Million endowment to the Water Institute

### **May 2006**

Water Institute Director, Wendy A. Graham, hired

### **June 2006**

Research Coordinators, Kathleen A. McKee and Mark A. Newman hired

### **August 2006**

Water Institute moves in to new offices in 570 Weil Hall.

A Strategic Planning process was begun in August 2006 with an online survey of affiliated faculty to elicit input about developing focus areas for the Water Institute methods of governance and preferred forms of collaboration and communication.

### **October 2006**

A planning retreat led by a professional facilitator and trainer was held on October 16, 2006 with 34 Water Institute-affiliated faculty attending. This very productive meeting produced a vision of a successful Water Institute, a definition of important thrust areas, and steps for moving forward as an interdisciplinary group.

### **August 2007**

In August 2007 the Faculty Advisory Committee approved the **2007-2010 UF Water Institute Strategic Plan**.