

Infrastructure and Resources Committee Annual Report (2015-2016)

IFAS Faculty Assembly

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The primary charge of the committee is to provide input to the IFAS Faculty Assembly from Administration on matters regarding allocation of resources and IFAS' long-term and short-term strategic plans. The committee consists of eight members, of which four are elected from the Faculty Assembly and four are appointed. The appointed members consist of a department chair, research center director, district director, and the senior associate vice president.

The 2015-16 committee members included Susan Webb (Entomology and Nematology) as committee chair (term expires 2016), Andy Ogram (Soil and Water Science, term expires 2017), Erica Goss (Plant Pathology, term expires 2018), Sandra TenBroek (Animal Sciences), Sue Percival (Chair, Food Science & Human Nutrition), Jeanna Mastrodicasa (Senior Associate VP), Monica Elliott (Acting Center Co-Director FLREC) and Joseph Schaefer (District Director).

In September, the committee was updated on budgetary issues by Kimberly Browne. Ms Browne indicated that the IFAS budget for FY15/16 will be \$338 million, of which only 20% were for program support; the rest were for salaries. Salary raises for employees that were in effect January 2016 were partially funded from workload impact funds. At later meetings, we were informed that additional workload funds of \$4 million were approved during FY16. PECO for FY15/16 was set at \$14.4 million, with an expected increase to \$24.4 million in FY16/17.

Preeminence hires continued, with a total of 75 new faculty members hired in IFAS. The additional faculty, while certainly welcome, will require creative solutions to space needs. Jeana Mastrodicasa is examining the new infrastructure needs as IFAS continues to grow.

The major on-campus projects for 2015-2016 included the following:

- Continued renovation of McCarty Hall D. Renovation of the first and third floors have been completed, with renovation of the second floor begun. The ground floor of McCarty D will begin during spring 2017, and will include a multipurpose learning facility intended to replace G001 that will accommodate up to 85 people.
- The IFAS Shared Services building is now under construction and should be completed by the end of the 2016 calendar year.
- Upcoming projects include a large six floor parking garage to be located on the current McCarty Hall Parking Lot. The projected garage will begin construction in late 2016 and will be home to 710 parking spaces, including some metered spaces for visitors. Concerns have been expressed regarding traffic flow around Museum Dr. and Newell Dr. following completion of the large garage.
- The proposed IFAS Academic Building, to be built next to Fifield Hall, remains on the PECO list, and the administration remains optimistic that it will be built.
- Bee Lab approved for Entomology and Nematology approved. To begin Sept. 2016.

- Major off-campus improvements include: Beef Teaching Unit underway, Cedar Key Nature Coast Biological Station underway; Vero Beach, Jay, Mariana, Belle Glade, Homestead lab renovations approved or underway.

Committee membership for 2016-2017 includes the following elected members: Andy Ogram (Soil and Water Science, Committee Chair); Erica Goss (Plant Pathology, Committee Chair Elect); and Sandra TenBroek (Animal Sciences, Chair Elect of IFAS Faculty assembly). The appointed members include: Dorota Haman (Chair, Agricultural and Biological Engineering); Gregg Nuessly (Interim Center Director, Everglades Research and Education Center); Brenda Rogers (Director, South Central District). Jeanna Mastrodicasa (Associate Vice President, IFAS) will continue to serve ex officio.