

IFAS FACULTY ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 21ST 2017

1:00 – 3:00 PM

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ATTENDANCE CHECK AND CALL TO ORDER

Achieved quorum (see attendance list)

Approved minutes

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 31ST, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

IFAS SVP, JACK PAYNE

Cancelled; unexpected meeting

DIRECTOR OF IFAS FACILITIES PLANNING AND OPERATIONS, KEVIN M. HEINICKA

Facilities Update; See PPT slides for specific information

- 100 acres on campus is IFAS controlled
- 1,272 buildings across state.
- Operating budget 14.3 million (1/2 for utilities). Trends in utility expenses has gone down due to upgrades. Savings translated into further energy saving purchases/equipment
- 120 ongoing projects to include HVAC replacements, IFAS Shared Service building, various buildings and maintenance across the state.

DIRECTOR OF IFAS BUDGET AND FINANCE, KIMBERLY L. BROWNE

Update on new Faculty Program Enhancement Plan

- New rules available on HR website:
<http://personnel.ifas.ufl.edu/IFAS%20FACULTY%20PROGRAM%20ENHANCEMENT%20PLAN.pdf>
- Process: Complete application, Send to HR, Dean approval, Send to finance
- Distribution happens at unit level. 75% to faculty, 25% unit. Used to support faculty programs.
- Enhance salary program (faculty contract modification plan) –program is on hold. Must address concerns from UF administration.

IFAS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT VOTE

- Nick B. Comerford presented Amendment
- Comment: revise method 2, second sentence, remove last word “center” (redundant with REC)
- Vote: 15 +16 = 31, unanimous
- Will send E-ballot for vote of all IFAS faculty

COMMITTEE REPORTS

T&P – Julie Maupin – T&P Dates (see slides for dates of workshops and process)

- Assembly comment that online workshop seminars are not up to date

UF Faculty Senate Report – No Report

CCC – Andrea Lucky – No Report

IRC – Andy Ogram – No Report

PWC – Calvin Odero – No Report

DEAN’S ROUNDTABLE

Dr. Elaine Turner, CALS Dean

- There was a collaboration of student organizations to let faculty know their appreciation on St. Patrick’s Day.
- Hosted spring teaching retreat; focus on student services, Mental Health issues, and accessibility issues for persons with disabilities.
- Developing a new draft policy on accessibility for electronic information.
- Teaching guidelines: received feedback from units and is looking at revising the language of the document to clarify.
- Event sheet was passed out at meeting; continuing Gator Gatherings across state

Dr. Thomas A. Obreza, IFAS Senior Associate Dean for Extension

- Legislative session: working with legislators on budget and questions regarding funding lines
- Extension symposium – April 17-19 at University Hilton. Over 350 registered.
- This year, approximately 15% turnover in Extension system. 55 new faculty have been hired.

Dr. Jackie Burns, IFAS Research Dean

- Ongoing projects
 - a. Partner with UF Vice Pres for research, federal agency visits for Asst Professors. Two IFAS faculty submitted.

- b. Equipment and infrastructure grants, 750k. Maximum 75k with match. Apps recently closed
 - c. Excellence awards for Asst Professors.
 - d. Undergraduate summer internship program
 - e. UF-RF professorship contest. Made selections and submitted to Vice Pres for Research. IFAS gets 6.
 - f. Publication reporting for USDA. We must report annually. May influence funding at federal level. When asked, please provide information to Dean
- Call for distinguished professor nominations just went out. Linked to T&P process but it is an honor, not a promotion.
 - May 16th research award ceremony.
 - June 28-29, grantsmanship workshop, small fee to help pay.

OTHER ISSUES & ACTIONS

- Future Meeting Dates
 - 4/25/17
 - 5/23/17
 - 6/13/17

OPEN DISCUSSION FROM ASSEMBLY FLOOR

- Chair elect for 2017-2018

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion and second.