

IFAS ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 13TH 2017
1:00 – 3:00 PM
1151 MCCARTY A

ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER

Achieved quorum (** members present)

APPROVAL OF APRIL 25TH, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Jason Kruse

Second: Ben Baiser

Unanimous approval of minutes from April meeting

IFAS SVP, JACK PAYNE

Not available

BUDGET UPDATE, JEANNA MASTRODICASA

- Nothing new to report beyond recent emails. The cuts partially resulted from changed rules to allow LBRs to be funded separately (and individually vetoed). It is a very serious situation. A 6.5 million cut with some LBR lines vetoed that were up to 10 years old. 35 people are affected by cuts. Vice President and Deans are working with IFAS and university budget office to explore options. The primary concern is the welfare of faculty and staff. More details will be provided when available.
- As a result, there is a freeze on hiring; however, SVP Office determining a process for special considerations
- Searches in progress should continue until informed otherwise. It is possible that some searches will be cancelled.
- The SVP Office hopes to have many of the details worked through before the July 1 new fiscal year. Not all of the details may be worked out. We will know as soon as determined.
- Every unit will be affected in some way – all units in IFAS will be asked to sacrifice. Decisions for specific lines will be evaluated based on the roll in unit.
- The 500 new faculty that UF will hire, as reported in the news, is funding from a different pot of money designed specifically to reduce student/faculty ratios. CALS may be approved to receive some of the funding, but may not be used for current faculty.
- Facilities – IFAS will receive one quarter of the 17.1 million university received for facilities. If units have money to spend on facilities, good idea to spend now. Carryover may be swept at any time (IDC, shared, royalty, start-up, etc.). It is important that the fiscal person in each unit identify what money is already committed so that it doesn't get "swiped."
- Parking garage is now set to be built near Hume (no longer on Museum road or near Reitz Union)
- New bill be proposed in legislature would influence fundraising at UF and IFAS. The bill states that salaries for personnel who contribute to fundraising should not be paid by state funds. Fundraising offices will have to pay salaries from non-state funds.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- T&P – Julie Maupin / Keith Schneider

Updated information available on IFAS T&P website and basic details on committee accomplishments available on meeting's PPT slides

- CCC – Andrea Lucky / Keith Schneider

Summary slide available on meeting PPT slides.

- IRC – Andy Ogram

Four meetings with four different guests. Highlights include:

UF PPD maintains 15 IFAS buildings. Maintenance is not completely under control of IFAS.

New Shared Services building is complete. Some services may be available in McCarty once renovations are complete.

MCCD G001 to be completed in Spring 2018.

UF Task Force set on Zoom to replace Polycom. IFAS has purchased 300 seats.

- Dean for Research Advisory Committee – Andy Ogram, member

Committee has focused on faculty development and have proposed a research symposium similar to the CALS teaching symposium

- UF Faculty Senate Report –

No Report

- PWC – Calvin Odero

Worked on constitutional amendment; recalled for revisions

DEAN'S ROUNDTABLE

Dr. Elaine Turner, CALS Dean

Highlights for year:

- Record enrollment in Fall 2016; highest number of graduate students on record
- For coming year, more new freshman have been admitted
- Transfer student process is working well. CALS is proposing a statewide articulation agreement for community colleges. It is a streamlined agreement using current transfer requirements but with requirements unique to UF.
- PhD in FYCS has admitted 5 students in first cohort
- Moving forward with marine science as a B.S. program; approximately 110 students are in the current interdisciplinary program.
- QUEST – common experience for incoming freshman; waiting to see what the parameters will be for biological/physical science. CALS may be able to propose a course.

- Dean will soon release teaching assignment guidelines. Will send to Faculty Assembly and department heads for distribution. Use in P&T packets not immediate, but will be integrated into system over time to accommodate faculty on tenure-track who taught under different guidelines.
- Revived instructional mini-grants and funded several good proposals. Will try to do it again next year.
- CALS symposium Aug. 15; Ken Bain is keynote speaker
- Professional Development – collaborating with engineering and CLAS on undergraduate research experiences and opportunities
- Activities continuing to expand with Field and Fork Program. Student gardens have gotten a boost this year with integration of experiential learning.
- Implementation Individual Development Plans in CALS. CLAS will evaluate how it will be used and offer recommendations
- Continued focus on alumni and career services this coming year, particularly how to connect alumni and stakeholders to students.
- Several Celebrations this year of alumni and friends; CALS is focusing on university level awards and working on nominations

Dr. Nick Place, Dean for Extension

- Board of Trustee retreat was very successful. The trustees were taken to Beef teaching unit and enjoyed food. Friday morning taken to Citra and discussed mission areas in IFAS. Board left with better understanding of IFAS.
- Funding – very challenging time. The Deans will work with everyone to develop solutions. Deans open to funding related questions, etc.
- Federal funding – president budget has major cut to NOAA and sea grant funding
- We had a successful extension symposium this year (500 people). Planning another in first week of May 2018.
- EPAF scheduled for last week of Aug. Shorter than usual with PD training at symposium.
- Multi-state federal dollars (Smith-Lever) must fund 25% multi-state. Must be accounted for in FAR and effort reporting. Over past several years lost \$600,000 due to inadequate reporting. Multi-state is very broad and any inter-state cooperation is multi-state.
- “Road to 67” – UF campaign to begin in Oct., 2017. Three billion total; 250 million from IFAS. IFAS development is beginning process and looking for ways to diversify and strengthen funding portfolio
- Unit reviews are continuing and will remain on a 3 year rotation cycle
- Looking at Extension opportunities for online learning, which can advance Extension through online learning as well as PD for faculty and education for clientele. Must connect to academic side of IFAS (e.g., modify a course for faculty PD or Extension clientele).
- Note of Thanks to 4H kids and parents who attended special legislative session and met with senators.

Dr. John Davis, Associate Dean for IFAS Research

- External awards of 140 million. We have a lot of skilled faculty. Intend to support development of that talent.
- New projects – Mid-Career International Travel Awards; Ordway Swisher Biological Station jumpstart awards; seed grants to leverage NSF grants.
- Existing projects – research opportunity seed funds (2 faculty from IFAS as PI, one as co-PI); undergrad research summer research awards (55 awarded this year); equipment and infrastructure awards (matching); early career seed grant awards (up to \$50,000 for asst professors; evaluation shows 4.5 to 1 return on investment).

- Workshops and symposia – return of grantsmanship workshop in June (2 day workshop); next year, proposed research forum to replace grantsmanship workshop (like CALS teaching symposium); collaborations in biodiversity symposium; workshops to train faculty in T&P packet preparation.
- Dean for Research Advisory Committee – meet quarterly; input very valuable

OTHER ISSUES & ACTIONS

Election of Chair Elect – Jason Kruse

- Nomination from Saundra TenBroek
- No vote needed with no other nominees

Need assembly parliamentarian – does not need to be member of assembly, but must be faculty member

- Nomination serve on committees
 - New members IRC
 - Shirley Baker
 - Mark Ritenour
 - New member PWC
 - Heather McAusLane
- Assembly assistant

OPEN DISCUSSION FROM ASSEMBLY FLOOR

Final Comments from Keith Schneider, outgoing Assembly President

- Thanks to leadership and assembly executive committee, committee members, staff and student assistance; Thanks to Pres. Fuchs for presenting at Assembly as well as representative from IFAS divisions – finance, building, etc.
- Special thanks to assembly members for their participation. There was a quorum at every meeting

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Saundra TenBroek (first) and Andy Ogram (second)