

IFAS FACULTY ASSEMBLY

MINUTES

MARCH 29, 2018

3:15 – 4:45 (ACTUAL 3:25 – 4:47)

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ROLL CALL

LARRY FORTHUN

SECRETARY

23 members present, quorum achieved

CALL TO ORDER

SAUNDRA TENBROECK

CHAIR

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 8TH MEETING MINUTES

Peter Ditmar, first. Ben Baiser, second. Minutes approved.

Saundra TenBroeck reviewed needs for volunteers: UF senators, IFAS-FA secretary, and IFAS-FA committee members

IFAS UPDATE

SENIOR VICE PRESIDNET, DR. JACK PAYNE

Next fiscal year, \$6 million cut in recurring funding. One plan that IFAS has to accommodate cuts is an attractive retirement package. Only for tenure/permanent status faculty with 30-years of service. Details will be emailed to faculty once approved. In addition, lost positions in some units will not be replaced. IFAS is working very hard to avoid layoffs.

Dr. Payne met with CP Foods of Thailand who specialize in shrimp, swine, and chickens. CP Foods has asked to raise shrimp in Florida using inland processes. Extension can share technology with farmers across state. At CP Foods meeting, the issues were discussed, including the need for Shrimp scientists and economists. CP Food proposed to give IFAS \$3 million to build a lab on campus to study Shrimp diseases, etc.

Announcements:

1. RFP for Institute for Antimicrobial Resistance. Eric Triplett brought together several universities and a proposal is going out weekend.
2. Tracy Irani is PI on 10 million grant.
3. Awarded \$8 million for a national wildlife project.
4. Awarded \$49 million for USAID livestock innovation project (to Animal Science). Gates Foundation added an additional \$8 million.
5. State of Florida asked IFAS to conduct research on cannabis. Federal funding at risk. However, hemp research is authorized by congress. University needs permission of Board of Trustees to pursue research on UF property. A company has agreed to give IFAS \$1.3 million to start research.
6. A deal has been signed for the new UF baseball stadium. IFAS is receiving \$6.2 million for 13 acres. Citrus trees at current location will be relocated.
7. Still moving forward on option for 9-month appointments

8. Dr. Kelly Morgan is new director of Southwest Florida Research and Education Center. Announcement went out by email.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- IRC – *Erica Goss*
 - Committee report

Peter Dittmar presented on behalf of Erica Goss. During last meeting discussed budget and needs. Toured building 162 and video production facilities.

- PWC – *Calvin Odero*
 - Committee report

Last meeting discussed REC hiring and language for proposal to change constitution.

- Curriculum – Tony Andenoro
 - Committee report

No report

- IFAS TPC – Bryan Unruh & Pam Allen
 - Committee report

Need two committee members, 1 for tenure/promotion and 1 for permanent status.

Faculty encouraged to attend P&T workshops. Workshop recorded and is accessible on HR website.

- IFAS FACULTY SENATE – Liaisons Les Harrison and Deborah Nistler

Meeting was abbreviated for distinguished professor lecture. UF, as a whole, did well with budget. Got more money to support top 5. UF police did active shooter presentation. Athletics committee – graduating students.

DEAN'S ROUNDTABLE

- Dr. Nick Place, Dean for Extension

Extension is using Canvas for online training. Appreciate Paul Fisher and his help. Exploring ways to advance online learning for Extension development and education modules for clientele. Using Quick Reg to register people.

Developing EDIS review process to promote greater consistency across departments. Now have online system for EDIS review.

The video, called "UF/IFAS Extension: We are that helpful friend," won the gold award from the American Advertising Federation in the Film, Video, Sound category. Named Best in Show for the Gainesville-Ocala market.

Need new BMP coordinator and looking for replacement.

Road to 67 progress. A little over 20 endowments. Advancement office working hard.

Notice that seeing issues with Blueberry crop. Working on EDIS for producers.

- Dr. Jackie Burns, Dean for IFAS Research

Call for distinguished professors has gone out.

IFAS Research sponsoring 4 programs in two weeks. Workshop on sub-Saharan Africa (Apr 30). Research forum professional development, faculty driven/volunteered (grants, labs, field work, clientele, mentoring) (May 2). Biodiversity workshop (May 7). Annual awards ceremony (May 17).

DSP policy on deadlines on submission of grants. Now a 48 hour deadline. Must get through dept and college first. Financial penalty has been rescinded. Final policy will come out soon.

IFAS policy will set a new deadline after final policy released.

- Dr. Elaine Turner, CALS Dean

Joel Brendemuhl presented

- 1) UF CoPASS project – New releases that occurred in March had some shortcomings that impacted the academic advisors on campus and their abilities to work effectively and efficiently in the new Student Information System. Due to the shortcomings, several meetings have been held in an attempt to address the concerns. Additional meetings will be convened as well as academic advisors working more closely with the CoPASS team to avoid issues in the future.
- 2) A new GAU contract has been signed and new template letters of offer for GA's have been made available on the UF HR website. Some offer letters have been sent and signed prior to the new contract language which includes a \$10.00/month student charge for GatorGradCare. The University is working on how to properly address these earlier signed letters which did not include the language pertaining to the \$10.00 health fee.
- 3) Award recipients of the CALS Instructional Mini-Grants and DE Mini-Grants will be notified soon.
- 4) There are many upcoming CALS Events.
 - a. Gator Gatherings at Sebring (4/2); Plant City (4/17); and Ft. Lauderdale (4/26). These gatherings bring together alumni, friends, admitted and prospective students from the surrounding areas.
 - b. Gator Encounter – 4/14; showcases CALS to 600+ middle/high school students and teachers from around the state
 - c. Scholarship and Leadership Awards Banquet – 4/19
 - d. UF Doctoral Commencement – 5/4 @ 9:00 am
 - e. CALS BS/MS Commencement – 5/5 7:00 pm
- 5) Upcoming Deadlines
 - a. APS Innovative Teaching Awards – 4/30
 - b. USDA Higher Education Challenge Grants – 5/7
- 6) Curriculum Update – Many new and revised undergraduate and graduate courses as well as new and revised undergraduate and graduate certificates. Several faculty groups interested in developing new degrees (i.e. Marine Sciences, Plant Breeders) and also new graduate concentrations or certificates. All undergraduate programs will need to develop critical-tracking requirements for semesters 6-8 for all majors and specializations.

OTHER ISSUES & ACTIONS

Nominations for Faculty Assembly 2018/2019

Reaching out to members to be new officers. Chair elect, secretary, PWC members, 1 permanent status for P&T

May 24 is last meeting

OPEN DISCUSSION FROM ASSEMBLY FLOOR

MEETING ADJOURNMENT