

IFAS FACULTY ASSEMBLY

APPROVED MINUTES

OCTOBER 28, 2019

3:00 – 4:30

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ROLL CALL	ALLAN BACON	SECRETARY
CALL TO ORDER	SHIRLEY BAKER PETTER DITTMAR	CHAIR CHAIR ELECT
APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 MEETING MINUTES		

IFAS ASSEMBLY CHAIR REPORT	DR. SHIRLEY BAKER
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IFAS VP Search Update

- On October 1, 2019, Faculty Assembly submitted memo with desired qualities and expertise of candidates for UF IFAS VP position.
- Candidates reviewed by early December, 2019

Faculty Assembly website has been updated.

- <http://faculty.ifas.ufl.edu/>

IFAS UPDATE	DR. JACK PAYNE, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT
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Dr. Denise Bogart (Director IFAS HR) will permanently join the Faculty Assembly to address IFAS HR issues.

Ongoing Searches

- Vet School Dean: three finalist identified, in final stages
- Horticulture Chair: three finalists identified
- Sea Grant Director: finalists identification and interviews coming soon
- Associate VP IFAS Communications: three finalists identified, interview schedule sent to IFAS community today.

Bio-safety labs at Florida Medical Entomology Lab (Vero Beach) are being upgraded.

Will be attending Farm Bureau Conference first week in November.

GUEST	DR. JERRY FANKHAUSER, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, FAES
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Broadly focused on supporting the IFAS research enterprise.

- On campus and REC infrastructure
- State commodity engagement

Current focus/projects include

- UF hemp pilot project
- UFArm system

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Professional Welfare Committee (Lisa Lundy)

Faculty mentor recommendations have been made and will be circulated to IFAS Department Chairs. Will be evaluating tenure and promotion guidelines for non-professor positions.

CALS Curriculum Committee (Joel Brendemuhl)

Will have fourth Meeting in November

Course revisions/additions and new certificate/concentrations.

- New undergraduate certificate in horticultural therapy
- New minor in Pathogenesis
- BS in marine Sciences approved by UF Curriculum Committee, now at the Faculty Senate

Eight semester plans approved (all but two) and will be in new undergraduate catalog.

Description of dual/combined majors are being updated and may very well result in abundant terminology changes.

Faculty Senate (Randall Cantrell)

Senate Chair has long ways to go but is adamant about revisiting UF parental leave policies including childcare reimbursement while on UF business.

Dr. Fuchs will be continuing as President when his current contract ends under an annual appointment much like many of us have, where he may return to a faculty position should his services as President no longer be desired.

Tenure and Promotion Committee (no report)

Infrastructure and Resource Committee (no report)

DEAN'S ROUNDTABLE

Dr. Elaine Turner, CALS Dean

On January 24 and 31, high school students with NaviGATORing will be on campus. Please spread word to with high school juniors and seniors that may be interested in visiting campus.

November 7, CALS will host lunch celebrating Veteran students

Field and Fork Pantry being expanded and receiving expanded refrigerator capacity. Is closed now, will reopen on November 18.

Student Mental Health

- Kognito offering free online training to assist UF community in helping students with mental health issues
- November 18 (330-500p) faculty and staff training will be offered, announcement forthcoming

Faculty Award Deadlines (previously announced and circulated)

- November 7, Doctoral Dissertation Mentoring Award
- November 22, CALS Teaching and Advising Award

Announcement for CALS teaching mini-grants will be coming soon.

November 18-22 is international education week.

Registration to CALS Career Expo is now open, please pass along to any companies that may be interested in attending.

CALS is always looking to highlight graduation stories and teaching innovations. Please contact Dana Edwards (dana.edwards@ufl.edu) if you have any.

Dr. Robert Gilbert, Dean for IFAS Research

Tenure and Promotion

- Just reviewed 48 three-year and 33 six-year packets
- Expect to see upcoming emphasis/clarification regarding “senior authorship” and how to identify it, particularly when your own or your colleague’s graduate student are first author

Forum Dates

- December 9 and 10, Agricultural Enterprises Forum
- May 1, IFAS Research Forum
- May 4, Collaborations on Biodiversity Forum

Proposal Dates

- November 12, UF Research Opportunity Seed Fund
- November 20, Applications for Summer Internships
- December, expect another call for TARGET proposals

Three Science publications from IFAS in the last month, well done!

Dr. Nick Place, Dean for Extension

Restructuring in Extension Office as Dr. Marty Main’s position will not be filled.

Extension Connections are going particularly well.

Steering Committee for the Extension Roadmap will have a meeting next February.

Collaborations between IFAS Extension and UF Health Sciences are potentially growing in a big way...stay tuned, more coming.

Hosting the next National Urban Extension and Leadership meeting in Tampa.

OTHER ISSUES & ACTIONS

(Denise Bogart) November 13, 230-400p, Implicit Bias in Hiring, Diversity, and Inclusion Seminar hosted by IFAS HR

(Shirley Baker) Reminder that interview dates (as circulated this morning) for Associate VP IFAS Communications are October 29, November 7, and November 8.

OPEN DISCUSSION FROM ASSEMBLY FLOOR

None

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

None