

# IFAS FACULTY ASSEMBLY

## AGENDA

MAY 20, 2020

3:00 – 4:30

REMOTE MEETING

ROLL CALL	ALLAN BACON	SECRETARY
CALL TO ORDER	SHIRLEY BAKER PETTER DITTMAR	CHAIR CHAIR ELECT
APPROVAL OF APRIL 9, 2020 MEETING MINUTES		

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IFAS ASSEMBLY CHAIR REPORT	DR. SHIRLEY BAKER
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IFAS VP Search Update | Search complete. Incoming IFAS VP will be meeting with transition team (chaired by Ruth Borger). Starts on July 13.

SFRC name change | “School of Forest, Fisheries, and Geomatics Sciences” approved by faculty assembly by a vote of 33 to 2.

Eight IFAS representatives to Faculty Senate named.

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IFAS UPDATE	DR. JACK PAYNE, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT
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Met with Scott Angle. Dr. Angle was impressed that a Transition Team was established. All IFAS units providing Dr. Angle with two-page summary to brief him about units. Dr. Payne is very optimistic about this hire.

Seven University Task Forces trying to figure out Fall reopening. June 5 and 6 Board of Trustees meeting to discuss further. Currently plan is that undergrad courses will be online, with labs and experiential classes being face-to-face. All buildings now have hand sanitation units at entrances. Upon return to work, each employee will be handed five masks. Building population will likely be targeted at 50% of standard occupancy. Masks are required. Trying to test 1000 UF folk a day. Still plenty of unanswered questions; reopening is a moving target.

Governor and Board of Governors and Board of Trustees is to open as much as possible as soon as possible.

Comments from Ray Thomas... Partitions between cubicles should be 5.5 ft high, any higher begins to restrict air flow. It's a balance between air flow and “sneeze guards”. University evaluating potential for remote learning/group teaching for experiential classes. State of Florida is about \$800 million behind in month of March, UF is hopeful (is advocating state legislature) to use CFWD money to address COVID associated financial stress as this is a “non-recurring economic event”.

Dr. Payne’s final Faculty Assembly. UF is the best place he’s been because of the people here. Extremely proud of major accomplishments he accomplished with UF through tremendous camaraderie. Thanks!

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GUEST SPEAKER      DR. CHRIS HAAS

ASSOCIATE PROVOST FOR ACADEMIC AND FACULTY AFFAIRS

Currently serves under Dr. Glover, current position for last two years. Faculty awards and grievances filter through his office.

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## DEAN'S ROUNDTABLE

### **Dr. Elaine Turner, CALS Dean**

On an aggressive timeline (if you teach, you've likely seen all the emails) to provide provost with Fall instructional plan: (1) what MUST be taught face-to-face and how will this be done and (2) confirm that all else is ready to transition online.

In general, it appears that UF and IFAS are better prepared to deliver high quality distance education than many of our peers. Our transition, while hard, seems to be going smoother than many others.

Stipend to support online teaching is for faculty members who have not taught a particular undergraduate class online. If you have taught a class online previously, but not the particular class that will be transitioning, you are still eligible. What faculty member does with stipend is their choice (salary supplement, teaching equipment...) although there still seems to be uncertainty about exactly what the money will be used for.

### **Dr. Robert Gilbert, Dean for IFAS Research**

Just met with incoming VP Angle and provided national rankings of UF/IFAS UF ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in Ag sciences, 5<sup>th</sup> in Env Sciences, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Plant and animal sciences.

Starting Stage 1 of Research Resumption Plan. Provided overview of Stage 1 and details regarding Research Activity Request form. IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU HAVE A DASH OR NOT WHEN ENTERING YOUR UFID.

Details regarding testing at the RECs is still ambiguous. Be patient, they are working on it.

Stage 2 may begin as soon as the next couple of weeks.

Masks and hand sanitizer are being distributed to unit leaders, 25,000 masks, 1000 gallons of hand sanitizer.

### **Dr. Nick Place, Dean for Extension**

Ag and Marine Resource survey complete. Over 1500 survey responses, getting state and national traction from the analysis.

On May 11, Dr. Place and tomato producer gave 30 min briefing about FL food system during COVID. Another coming in June with emphasis on aforementioned survey.

Talking with FDACS (with Dr. Gilbert) to improve partnership/relationship with Office of Ag, Water, and Policy.

BMP summit changed to virtual weekly summit.

4H faculty have created 44 virtual programs. Launched last Monday. Great example of adaptability and potentially a model for the future.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tenure and Promotion Committee (no report)

#### CALS Curriculum Committee (Patrick Inglett)

- Approved new grad and undergrad course
- New submission system is working well
- Next meeting will be in August
- Jennifer Weeks will be next Chair
- UCC approvals all approved
- Prerequisite Approval Manual have been approved for all 15 IFAS majors; big, yearlong project
- SFRC name change passed UCC

#### Infrastructure and Resource Committee (no report)

#### Professional Welfare Committee (no report)

#### Faculty Senate (Ray Thomas)

- Senate elected Dr. David Flume (College of Medicine) as new Chair Elect
- Over 250,000 hours of leave donated by faculty and staff
- AI Retreat (from Office of the Provost) had over 500 participants. 100 positions to be allocated to AI.
- Board of Trustees approved late start to Fall semester. Current setback will not deter goal of being top 5 public university.
- New podcast about UF research activities.
- Suggests FA re-evaluate bylaws to address how emergencies are addressed by shared governance.

#### IFAS HR (Denise Bogart)

- Currently emphasizing getting researchers where they need to be. Next phase will focus on administrative/assistant positions.
- Hopeful that masks will continue to be delivered.
- Anyone, on campus and RECs, will be approved for research activities through the portal.
- If someone prefers to continue to work from home, a discussion needs to be had with Dept chair or center director. Depending on the reasoning, discussions may also need to be had with HR.

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#### OTHER ISSUES & ACTIONS

Lisa Lundy sole nominee for Faculty Assembly Chair Elect. Elected unanimously.

Whitney Elmore sole nominee for Faculty Assembly Secretary. Elected unanimously.

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#### OPEN DISCUSSION FROM ASSEMBLY FLOOR

Ray Thomas | Acknowledges outgoing and incoming IFAS Faculty Senate representatives.

Lisa Lundy | Interested to learn about how University will manage/address time constraints for parents of school aged children in the Fall. According to Ray Thomas, University is currently evaluating a variety of options with regards to childcare. He anticipates that June 15<sup>th</sup> marks a date where more concrete information will be available.

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#### MEETING ADJOURNMENT