

# UF Water Institute Faculty Advisory Committee meeting

Friday, September 28, 2018 from 12:00 -1:30PM

On-Campus Location: 3305 Reitz Union

**Attended** – Christine Angelini, Mark Brenner, Tom Bianchi, Jamie Gilooly, Tara Wade, Todd Osborne (by Zoom), David Kaplan, Tatiana Borisova, Jon Martin, Ramesh Reddy, Kati Migliaccio, Kai Lorenzen, Michael Dukes, *Wendy Graham, Paloma Carton de Grammont, Lisette Staal*

**Not available** – Nancy Denslow, Mary Jane Angelo

## 1. UF Water Institute Updates

- FAC introduced themselves. New FAC members were recognized (Tara Wade, Ramesh Reddy, David Kaplan, and Mary Jane Angelo).
- Wendy Graham, Director, shared brief highlights of WI Programs.
  - Projects– NIFA FACETS
  - Recent Proposals- NIFA, RESTORE, Critical Zone RCN, INFEWS, NASA
  - Faculty Fellows Program – Faculty Fellow Award recipients were recognized – Mark Brenner and Todd Osborne. Celebration is scheduled for October 29<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 6:30 in the Keene Center. **Action: All FAC encouraged to attend.**
  - WI Graduate Fellows Program (WIGF) – Received 3 applications for the Water Institute Graduate Fellows Program Call for proposal. The Proposals and evaluation criteria have been sent to FAC that are not included in any of the proposals. **Action: FAC should review proposals by October 19<sup>th</sup> and send to Paloma ([palomacgl@ufl.edu](mailto:palomacgl@ufl.edu))**
  - Distinguished Scholar Seminars – Several faculty nominated speakers for the WI Seminar Series and we have a strong lineup (see below). We hope to have a lunch meeting with FAC with several of the speakers. **Action: WI will send an invite to FAC Lunch with Jay Garland for Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> and we encourage your participation. Please respond to the invite. Action: James Gilooly will let Wendy know if he would like WI to host a FAC lunch for Luc De Meester.**

Monday, October 15, 2018	9:00 - 10:00	<a href="#">Lehmann, Johannes</a>
Tuesday, November 06, 2018	2:30 - 3:30	<a href="#">Garland, Jay</a>
Tuesday, November 27, 2018	3:30-4:30	<a href="#">De Meester, Luc</a>
Tuesday, December 04, 2018	2:30 - 3:30	<a href="#">Brenner, Mark</a>
Thursday, January 17, 2019	2:30 - 3:30	<a href="#">Osborne, Todd</a>
<b>Feb 2019 - pending</b>		<a href="#">Hyndman, David</a>
Thursday, March 21, 2019	2:30 - 3:30	<a href="#">Bernhardt, Emily</a>
Thursday, April 04, 2019	3:30 - 4:30	<a href="#">Cooper, Bill</a>

- Kati Migliaccio has completed her term as Chair of the WI FAC, Nancy Denslow is the new Chair. We will be sending an email to solicit nominations for Chair-Elect, then will proceed with an electronic vote/

## 2. WI Website Discussion

UF Water Institute is revising its website and undergoing a platform change. Input from FAC received during the last FAC meeting (May 4, 2018), suggested that a high priority would be ease of access including being able to: find affiliate faculty by expertise, search on topics by expertise, find educational resources including on-line courses, undergraduate research opportunities, information about WI (what it is, what it does, and how I can get involved). Suggestions included to consider limiting the key words for searching expertise to 10-20 words. and holding a photography contest/prize to get access to great photos.

Photography contest was held and receive over 70 photos that will help to populate the website. Winners will be announced soon. Changes to the website were made to enhance the access to faculty expertise by limiting the amount of information as well as narrowing the categories as suggested.

FAC were provided a link to the beta website and asked to consider information provided, what is missing what is not needed and ease of navigating. Comments/suggestions/edits made by FAC during the meeting today included:

- Potential to add Wetlands Certificate to the website (David Kaplan)
- On research page replace Principle with Principal
- When searching faculty expertise it would be helpful to clear every time—currently reset button is not very obvious
- Make sure that all columns are searchable and sortable
- Overall text is small
- Need to update faculty list with Emeritus status as appropriate (also those no longer at UF)
- Suggestion to invite affiliates to update their sites
- Ask Ricky Telg with the PIE Center for help with the introductory page
- Extension presence is currently limited - re-look at options to highlight Extension or provide link to current Water Initiative site... It was suggested that Lincoln Zotorelli is the contact for Extension and might be good to contact him.
- Potential to add Extension appointments to the profile page
- Is there a way to know who is accessing the website and where they go? This could be helpful in determining focus for what is needed/not.
- Check Symposia buttons – might be some not working.
- Suggestion to spotlight publications that are the product of WI projects or initiatives.
- The Tweet bar should be more visible – put it at the top
- Are there priority areas for the WI that you would like to increase traffic on ... funding?

- Should we link to other institutes and partners— for example, Florida Climate Institute? Also, could we get on Departmental pages as a link? Encourage Affiliate Faculty to put the link on their personal pages as well.
- Liked Archive... encourage to keep that—also the clean look!

Further comments to the webpage can be sent to Paloma ([palomacgl@ufl.edu](mailto:palomacgl@ufl.edu))

**Action: WI will continue to develop the Website, taking FAC recommendations into account.  
Goal is to launch new website this semester.**

### **3. Other FAC Suggestions**

- Regarding Symposia – consider creating a “product” from Symposia. For example contact Journal editors about a Special Issue (Mark Brenner, as an editor of a journal, said this type of thing is welcomed)
- Consider increasing interaction with UF Foundation to seek donors for WI programs
- Consider establishing a research program for undergraduates.