

## **UF Water Institute Faculty Advisory Committee meeting**

**Wednesday, May 9, 2018 12:00 -1:30 PM**

**On-Campus:** 3305 Reitz Union

**Attended** – Christine Angelini, Mary Jane Angelo, Tom Bianchi, Tatiana Borisova, Mark Brenner, Matt Cohen, Nancy Denslow, Jamie Gillooly, David Kaplan, Kai Lorenzen, Jon Martin, Kati Migliaccio, Todd Osborne, Wendy Graham, Carol Lippincott, Lisette Staal  
**Not available** - Michael Dukes, Tom Waltzek

### **UF Water Institute Updates**

Highlights of the 2017- 2018 WI Annual Report were presented. Distributed a handout of the Table of Contents and Executive Summary (Appendix A). The full Annual Report will be available after it has been submitted to the Office of Research.

### **WI Programs**

Faculty Fellows Nominations – The 2018 Faculty Fellow Call for Nominations was issued in mid-April concurrently with Florida Climate Institute. The deadline for submissions is May 31, 2018. **ACTION: FAC** should encourage (and possibly help prepare) nominations.

WI Graduate Fellows Program (WIGF) – The 2019 WIGF Request for Proposals was issued in March. The deadline for proposal submissions is September 24, 2018. **ACTION: FAC** should encourage faculty to submit proposals.

Distinguished Scholar Seminars –Possibilities for increasing attendance and impact of the 2018-2019 seminar series included 1) focusing on theme, 2) linking seminars to ongoing efforts/projects, 3) encouraging teams of faculty to take responsibility for a seminar and consider it their event, 4) identifying co-sponsorship with other existing departmental seminars, 5) listing the series as a class, such as an HSAC course, that students can register for and get credit, with the expectation of some reflection paper/discussion. **ACTION: Water Institute will issue a call for speaker nominations. FAC** should submit nominations for 2018-2019 seminar speakers to Lisette Staal ([lstaal@ufl.edu](mailto:lstaal@ufl.edu)).

Collaborative Workshops – Carol Lippincott facilitated a Collaborative Workshop in March to encourage formation of WI Affiliate Faculty teams to submit 2019 WIGF proposals. Three potential WIGF teams formed as a result of this workshop.

Upcoming Proposal Opportunities - Wendy Graham shared several funding proposal opportunities that present potential collaborative opportunities (NOAA RESTORE, USDA-NIFA Sustainable Agricultural Systems, NSF DCL Growing Convergent Research , NSF INFEWS), and asked for input on how the WI could help engage and assist faculty in developing proposals. Several FAC members expressed interest and suggested potential topics. **ACTION: ACTION: Wendy Graham** will send out the announcements for the funding opportunities to the WI Affiliate Faculty and will offer assistance.

Springs Synthesis – Dr. Graham shared the idea of forming a UF faculty group to write an issues focused “white paper” or a synthesis journal article for Science or Nature, focused on Florida springs and drawing on previous research, including but not limited to the recently completed CRISPS project. FAC discussion focused on the need to define the scope, objective, product and audience for such an effort. These ranged from a white paper, to a peer reviewed synthesis article, to several articles for a special edition of a journal, to a book (similar to the recent Climate Institute book). **ACTION: WI** will follow up with interested faculty (M. Cohen, J. Martin, D. Kaplan and others) to begin to explore an appropriate approach

## **WI Website**

UF Water Institute is revising its 12-year old website and converting to a new content management system. FAC was asked who the primary audience should be for the new WI website, and what are the most important topics that audience should be able to easily find on the website.

The FAC said that the primary audience should be UF faculty & students (especially prospective students), professionals & partners outside of UF, faculty from other universities or organizations, and funding agencies.

The most important topics that audience need to be able to easily find are a searchable database on WI Affiliate Faculty; WI staff contacts and services; links to water-related programs, courses and certificates at UF (including on-line offerings); recent WI successes (research projects, symposia) ; and new events and opportunities, such as students/post-doc research opportunities.

FAC said that the new website should have fewer words, larger font, and more images than the current WI website. Other suggestions included limiting key words for searching expertise to 20; having a homepage button that says “I’m interested in...”, and holding a photography contest to get access to great photos.

Three FAC members (Jamie Gillooly, Christine Angelini, and Kati Migliaccio) offered to Beta-test the new WI website when it is ready.

## **FAC Nominations**

FAC elections to replace the 4 members rotating off the FAC in June 2018. This process must be completed by the end of May. Lisette Staal is working with Kati Migliaccio and the nominating committee on the nomination and election process. Several nominees have been identified and shared with the FAC. FAC provided more suggestions to the list. After the elections, the FAC must select a Chair-Elect. **ACTION: FAC** should send nominations to Kati Migliaccio ([klwhite@ufl.edu](mailto:klwhite@ufl.edu)) or Lisette Staal ([lstaal@ufl.edu](mailto:lstaal@ufl.edu)).

## **Updates from FAC Members**

Mary Jane Angelo said that the College of Law is seeking candidates for a Distinguished Professor in Interdisciplinary – Law and Engineering/Ag or Environment. **ACTION: FAC and WI** send names of potential candidates to Mary Jane Angelo ([angelo@law.ufl.edu](mailto:angelo@law.ufl.edu)).