

Faculty Advisory Committee Meeting
UF Water Institute
Thursday February 6 , 2007

Attendance: Sandy Berg, Mark Brenner, Dorota Haman, Richard Hamann, Karl Havens, Jim Jawitz, Jon Martin, Jim Heaney, Wendy Graham

Agenda Items

1. Announcements

- Proposals submitted in Dec/Jan (FACE, Smallwood Foundation, FDEP Springs Synthesis, SFWMD/WRRC Assistantships, CZO, SFWMD Modeling)
- Funded projects for WI faculty obtained from DSR. Total is \$110 million over the last 5 years. Currently developing into searchable on-line database.
- January Trips to Tallahassee/Washington/India
- January presentations given (Florida Section AWRA)
- January Seminars (Ruth Meinzen-Dick, IFPRI, Jan 30th)
- Upcoming Seminars (Michael McClain, FIU, March 8; Tissa Illangakare, NSF, will host in conjunction with EES, try for Friday in March/April at 3pm)
- Research Coordinator: Applications have been received, 3 selected for interviews. Would like candidates to meet with a few members of FAC. Dorota Haman , Jim Heaney, Sandy, Jon Martin and Mark Brenner may be available. Will make final arrangements by email.
- LBR update: Wendy met with Marion Hoffman (UF lobbyist) last week. Things are moving forward. She is optimistic but will know more when the house, senate and governor put their budgets together.
- Google group web site: A private FAC website has been created on google to store large and potentially sensitive documents. Site is only accessible by FAC members. Program Coordinator applications and PIF proposals are currently stored there. All FAC members should join the group. Contact Wendy or Mark Newman if you have technical problems.

2. Old Business

- Agree on strategy and timeline for reviewing Program Initiation Fund Proposals

Each FAC member agreed to review 3 or 4 proposals. Assignments were circulated and conflicts of interest discussed. It was agreed that proposals would be scored out of 100 according to the PIF guidelines (posted on google group site). Scores will be provided to Wendy by Sunday Feb 25th. The FAC will meet to discuss proposals Monday Feb 26th from 3 to 5pm. At that time strengths and weaknesses of each proposal will be discussed and summarized. A copy of score and strengths and weaknesses will be provided to proposers.

- Establish time-line and strategy for engaging outside stakeholder groups

The Science Advisory Committee and the Program Development Council proposed at the last meeting were discussed. Pros and cons of having two different committees were presented. The following strategy was agreed upon for engaging outside stakeholder groups and developing the Water Institute Strategic Plan

- Wendy will summarize the current status of the strategic planning effort in a draft action/strategic plan. This will be circulated to FAC for review and comment before the next meeting.
- A Water Institute Distinguished Scholar Seminar Series will be established

We will invite a series of high profile scholars to campus. Visits will be composed of a general WI seminar (we will ask them to highlight important advances in Water Research/Policy/Management or the past decade.. or something similar); a meeting with the WI FAC (during which we will discuss the mission, status and action plan for the Water Institute, ask specific questions based on their backgrounds and experiences, and pick their brains for good ideas regarding strategic initiatives); and a meeting with interested WI faculty. Each FAC member will be asked to nominate and co-host one of these speakers over the next 12 months. Travel and a \$500 honorarium will be offer to each speaker.

Possible speakers include but are not limited to:

Len Shabman (RFF)	Suresh Rao (Purdue)
Efi Foufoula (MN)	John Warwick (DRI)
Stephen Lansing (AZ-anthropology)	Gene Likens (?)
Bill Mitch (OSU)	Jerry Schooner (Iowa)
Still Carpenter (WIS)	David Maidment (UT)
Robert Ward (CSU)	Jacqui Ashby (?)
Dale Whittington (UNC Chapel Hill)	John Antle (MSU)
Tissa Illangasakare (CO School of Mines, NSF)	
Wayne Meyer (CSIRO)	Pat Brezonik (UMN, NSF)
Mary Anderson (Wisc.-WRR)	Peter Gleick
Wayne Huber (Oregon St.)	Steve Parker (WSTB)
George Hornberger (UVA)	Buzz Holling
Ken Reckhow (UNC Chapel Hill)	

- At the conclusion of the Distinguished Scholar Seminar series (May 2008) we will complete a Status report of the first 2 years of Water Institute

Activities, and 5 year Strategic Plan for the institute based on the input received during these visits and other activities. An external advisory board will then be formed to review the 2 year activities and the 5 year strategic plan. This should position us well for the UF internal 3-year review of the Water Institute.

3. New Business

- **Discuss membership and formation of Symposium Planning Committee**

Nominations and the charge for the Symposium Planning Committee were discussed. It was decided to first compose a committee of internal UF WI faculty and the Progress Energy representative. This group would be charged with developing a theme and format for the Symposium, and based on this identify other external members for the Committee. The larger committee would then be charged with identifying speakers, panel members etc. for the Symposium. The Committee will only be responsible for brainstorming and inviting speakers. Water Institute staff, together with the UF Office for Conferences, will handle all logistical details.

Nominees for the internal UF Committee Members included: Joe Delfino, Ramesh Reddy, Les Theil, Tom Ankerson, Bron Taylor and Ruth Francis Floyd.

- **Discuss procedures for formalizing relationship between WI and existing Centers**

The need for formalizing the relationship between the WI and existing Centers was discussed. The current list of affiliated centers is long, and not all Centers are equally interested and invested. Some may not even know they are listed. It was agreed that we would create a Center database similar to the Faculty Expertise Database. Each Center would be invited to affiliate by populating the database which would contain 1) Center Name, 2) Center Director and Contact Info, 3) Center Mission, and 4) Brief paragraph Summarizing their programmatic interest in water-related issues.

- Discuss metrics for Water Institute Success (1 yr, 3 yr, 10 yr) (delayed until next meeting)

Action Items:

- FAC members will review PIF proposals and submit numerical score to Wendy by Sunday Feb 25th.

- Wendy will summarize the current status of the strategic planning effort in a draft action/strategic plan and circulate to FAC for review and comment before the next meeting.
- FAC members will each nominate a candidate that they are interested in co-hosting for the Distinguished Scholar Seminar Series and email the nomination to Wendy before the next meeting.
- Wendy will form the Faculty Symposium Committee
- Water Institute staff will begin developing the Affiliate Center Database. This will likely not be implemented until after the Faculty Project Database is complete.

Next Meeting:

Special Proposal Review Meeting Monday Feb 26th 3pm to 5pm

Next FAC Meeting: Tuesday March 6th 3pm to 5pm