

Water Institute Faculty Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2007

Attendees: Sandy Berg, Wendy Graham, Dorota Haman, Jim Heaney, Jim Jawitz, Jim Jones, Jon Martin, Peter Sheng, Rick Stepp

Announcement : Stephen Mulkey resigned from FAC due to increased Departmental responsibilities

1. Strategic Plan

The 2007-2010 Strategic Plan and Executive Summary were discussed and approved. The plan will be distributed by email to UF Chairs, Deans, Directors, VPs, President etc. Also will be distributed to other Water Institutes, National Water Consortia, funding agencies, program managers, etc. Will make hard copies for members of the FAC to distribute.

2. Center for Excellence Proposal

A 20 page preliminary proposal is due to VP Phillips office Sept 10. Environmental Engineering Dept has already gotten started on a proposal that incorporates Land, Air and Water issues. Jim Jones is involved with FSU on a climate change proposal that will likely be submitted through FSU. There is also a multi-institution Energy proposal being developed. The pros and cons of developing a standalone Water Institute proposal versus teaming with the Environmental Engineering proposal were discussed. Wendy will meet with David Mayczk who is leading the Environmental Engineering proposal to explore the possibilities of partnering.

3. First Distinguished Scholar Seminar:

The following itinerary was developed for Don Wright, our first Distinguished Scholar seminar:

Thursday September 6th:

Noon: Lunch with Peter Sheng and Wendy Graham

1pm -2:30 pm : Meet with entire Faculty Advisory Committee 365 Weil Hall

3pm -4:30 pm : Seminar 282 Reitz Union (Refreshments served beginning at 3pm)

7pm: Dinner with two members of FAC (TBD)

Friday September 7th:

Morning meetings with faculty from:

1) Civil and Coastal Engineering (To be arranged by Peter Sheng)

2) Geological Sciences (To be arranged by Jon Martin)

3) Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences (To be arranged by Karl Havens)

Lunch with members of final group and departure.

4. Implementation of Water Institute Thrust Areas:

The implementation of Water Institute Thrust Areas was briefly discussed. It was recommended to build off seminar series, program initiation fund and symposium, but not plan a full faculty retreat or other major activity to discuss this at this time. The possibility of reorganizing the website along thrust areas, and the use of thrust areas as a marketing tool versus a program planning tool, were discussed. Discussions will continue at future FAC meetings.

5. Next Meetings:

Tuesday Sept 4th is cancelled.

Next Meeting: Thursday Sept 6th 1pm 365 Weil Hall with Don Wright

Other regularly scheduled FAC meetings:

Tuesday Oct 2, 3pm 365 Weil
Tuesday Nov 6, 3pm 365 Weil
Tuesday Dec 4, 3pm 365 Weil