

May 7, 2007

Dear Water Institute Faculty:

It has been a busy year for the Water Institute! Below are a few highlights of our first year activities. For more details on each of these items see the attached **Annual Report**, or the Water Institute web site www.waterinstitute.ufl.edu .

- An internal strategic planning effort resulted in the preparation of a **draft strategic plan** for the Institute (see <http://waterinstitute.ufl.edu/strategicplan.html>) . Your review and comment on the plan is requested. Please send your comments to water-institute@ufl.edu as soon as possible, but before August 3, 2007.
- **Lisette Staal** joined the Water Institute as Research Coordinator on April 6, 2007. Lisette will be heading up our Water and Society Thrust Area, among many other responsibilities. This summer Lisette, Kathleen, Mark and I, together with the Faculty Advisory Committee, will be planning how best to kick off faculty workgroups in each of the Water Institute Thrust Areas. To refresh your memory on the four thrust areas see <http://waterinstitute.ufl.edu/thrustareas.html>
- A new monthly Water Institute **Distinguished Scholar Seminar Series** will begin in Fall 2007. This seminar series invites high profile scholars to UF on a monthly basis to: (1) conduct a general Water Institute seminar that will be of interest to a broad audience, (2) meet with the Water Institute Faculty Advisory Committee to discuss strategic planning and partnering opportunities, and (3) meet with interested Water Institute faculty to discuss specific research/education issues. Please see the [attached flyer](#), and mark your calendars, for the impressive line up of interdisciplinary speakers who will visit UF next year.
- Mark your calendars for the **Inaugural UF Water Institute Symposium** that will be held February 27-28 2008 at the Gainesville Hilton University of Florida Conference Center. The theme of the first conference will be **Sustainable Water Resources: Florida Challenges, Global Solutions**. Watch for a call for presentations in August 2007. A research award for the best graduate student poster presented at the conference will be given.
- The 2007 **Water Institute Program Initiation Fund** awarded \$200K to 6 faculty groups representing 10 Departments from 4 Colleges. See <http://www.waterinstitute.ufl.edu/pifa.html> for the list of projects funded.
- Approximately \$13,000,000 in 155 active externally funded projects has been designated by 43 Water Institute faculty members as **Water Institute Affiliated projects** for 2006-07. These projects are cataloged in a searchable database that will soon be web accessible and integrated with the faculty expertise database. This database is intended to promote faculty and departmental programs and to make it easier for stakeholders and other researchers to identify potential collaborators.

- Approximately \$1,300,000 in 4 active **Water Institute Assisted Projects** was funded in 2006-07. These projects are led by faculty members in Agricultural and Biological Engineering, Environmental Engineering Sciences, Forest Resources and Conservation, Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences, and Soil and Water Sciences. Specific assistance to these projects (e.g. technical assistance, data management, project management, referral services) is provided by the Water Institute.
- Approximately \$2,000,000 in 4 active **Water Institute Directed Projects** was funded in 2006-07. These projects are managed by the Water Institute with participation from faculty in Agricultural and Biological Engineering, Civil and Coastal Engineering, Environmental Engineering Sciences, Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences, Food and Resource Economics , Forest Resources and Conservation, Geological Sciences, Electrical and Computer Engineering, and Soil and Water Sciences.
- Additional **proposals totaling approximately \$15,000,000** were submitted to various state and federal funding organizations.

I hope your semester-end was smooth, and your summer will be productive!

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendy D. Graham". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'W' and 'G'.

Wendy Graham
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Director UF Water Institute

2007-2008 Smallwood – UF Water Institute Distinguished Scholar Seminar Series

September 6-7, 2007

Donelson Wright, Chancellor Professor of Marine Science, Virginia Institute of Marine Science, College of William and Mary. www.vims.edu/physical/faculty/wright_id.html

October 18-19, 2007

Edward L. Miles, Virginia & Prentice Bloedel Professor of Marine & Public Affairs, and Senior Fellow Joint Institute for the Study of Atmosphere and Oceans, School of Marine Affairs, University of Washington. www.sma.washington.edu/faculty/e_miles.html

November 1-2, 2007

Stephen Lansing, Professor of Ecological Anthropology, University of Arizona, and Research Professor, Santa Fe Institute. www.ic.arizona.edu/~lansing/

December 6-7, 2007

Charlie Vorosmarty, Research Professor Global-Scale Hydrology, Dept. of Earth Sciences & Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans & Space, University of New Hampshire. www.unh.edu/esci/vorosmarty.html

January 10-11, 2008

George Hornberger, Ernest H. Ern Professor, Environmental Hydrology, Department of Environmental Science, University of Virginia. www.people.Virginia.EDU/~gmh3k/

February 7-8 2008

Len Shabman, Natural Resource Economist, Resident Scholar in Energy and Natural Resources, Resources for the Future, Washington DC. www.rff.org/rff/Shabman.cfm

March 2008 (exact date TBA)

Lonnie Thompson, Distinguished University Professor, Department of Geological Sciences, and Byrd Polar Research Center, Ohio State University. www-bprc.mps.ohio-state.edu/Icecore/GroupP.html#lonniethompson

March 27-28 2008

Sandra Zellmer, Natural Resource and Water Law professor and Havelone Research Chair at the University of Nebraska College of Law watercenter.unl.edu/FacStaffProfiles/ZelmerSandy.asp

April 17-18 2008

Tissa Illangasakare, AMAX Distinguished Chair of Environmental Sciences and Engineering, Colorado School of Mines. www.mines.edu/Academic/envsci/people/faculty/tillanga01.html