

UF/IFAS Faculty Advisory Committee  
18 September 2001  
102 Animal Sciences Conference Room  
1:15 p.m.  
Sue Percival, presiding

Members Present: Sue Percival (Chair), Mary Collins, Peter Hansen, Pat Hogue, Clayton Hutcheson, Karen Koch, Bill Mahan, Don Maynard, Maria Gallo-Meagher, Ron Muraro, Brian Scully, and David Wofford

Members Absent: Susan Hedge

Mary Collins wanted to ensure that IFAS faculty were aware of our committee and that they understood that it represented the entire IFAS faculty's concerns and expectations. It was suggested that the committee be more proactive in this regard. Consequently, the following measures will be taken to increase the visibility and awareness of the committee to IFAS faculty: continue to e-mail all faculty about the availability of the minutes on the website, send a committee representative (Sue Percival) to speak at the Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> new faculty orientation meeting, have a direct link on the UF home page, and describe the committee at district-wide meetings.

Dr. Martin reported on the following items:

**Budget Update:** The future budget may be tight in light of recent national events that probably will impact tourism, a vital part of our state economy. Dr. Martin is planning to form an ad hoc committee composed of deans, department chairs, center directors, and selected faculty to have discussions regarding what is fiscally in the best interest of IFAS under short, intermediate and long-term hypothetical scenarios.

A building to house the Agronomy Department and the Soil and Water Sciences Department is at the top of the PECO list. Also, projects related to Pine Acres, Natural Resources, Ft. Pierce Aquaculture, and the GCREC Building are included on the PECO list.

Retrofitting the air handling system in Fifield Hall will begin soon, and this project will free up approximately 4000 square feet of space.

**Board of Trustees:** The Board of Trustees had their first meeting two weeks ago and that included a workshop to begin learning more about UF. Marshall Criser was elected chair and Diana Morgan was elected as Vice Chair. They formed, for now, four committees that will deal with finances, audits, programs, and facilities. Their next meeting will be October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, and these meetings are open.

**REC Review Implementation Task Force:** The task force has been meeting and recommendations may be expected by mid-October.

**County Faculty Serving as Members of the Graduate Faculty:** County faculty can apply for Graduate Faculty status.

**Distance Education Tuition Waivers for IFAS Employees:** State employees who take distance education classes will receive tuition waivers. Dr. Martin said that IFAS will cover the necessary tuition waiver costs incurred and that it was important for IFAS employees to continue to advance.

**Changes in Information Technologies:** Dan Cromer is the acting director of IT.

**Less than 12-month Appointments:** There are two task forces considering this issue. One task force is looking at large policy issues such as should these appointments be offered and if so, how should they be offered. The other task force is looking at such items as how such appointments would affect benefit packages, retirement plans, and the like.

**VP Medals:** Don Poucher is designing the VP medal that will be given to persons as a reward or acknowledgement of their contribution to IFAS.

**Miscellaneous:**

Gilly Evans will be invited to a future FAC meeting to discuss the IFAS salary structure project. Vernon Parmenter will be invited to discuss travel particularly to clarify the issue of whether taxes charged for hotel rooms will or will not be reimbursed. The building plans for the Genetics Institute are moving ahead.

Having finished the business and discussion items, Dr. Martin departed the FAC meeting about 3:30.

The IFAS task force chaired by John Gordon dealing with faculty evaluations requested that 2 FAC members join. Don Maynard and David Wofford will represent FAC in that capacity.

Dates of the next meetings are: October 24, November 26, and December 18.

The meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maria Gallo-Meagher