

UF/IFAS Faculty Advisory Committee
1:15 p.m., March 7, 2002
102 Animal Sciences Conference Room
Sue Percival, presiding

Members Present: Sue Percival (Chair), Mary Collins, Maria Gallo-Meagher, Peter Hansen, Susan Hedge, Karen Koch, Bill Mahan, Don Maynard, Ron Muraro, and David Wofford

Members Absent: Pat Hogue, Clayton Hutchenson, Brian Scully

Sue Percival summarized the effort that was undertaken to look at restructuring the way that full professors are evaluated. It was mentioned that the original intent of this process was lost and instead the outcome focused on revising the form.

Dr. Martin

Dr. Martin joined the meeting and first presented a legislative update on the budget. Currently, we are the only state agency with restoration recurring in the budget, but it is unclear whether this will make it into the final approved budget.

Dr. Martin will re-visit the evaluation of full professors and bring it up with the Deans and Academic Counsel to form new policy.

The IFAS Campus Restructuring Advisory Task Force met for the first time that day (March 7, 2002). The charge of this group is to look at models and discuss advantages and disadvantages of various approaches. Then there will be a broader discussion of a transition if it makes sense. They will not be making recommendations.

Promotion and Tenure packets have been reviewed by the Academic Personnel Board and the Provost. The President will most likely affirm. The packets will then be presented as a group to the Board of Trustees as an affirmation issue. Tim White will be replacing Ken Quesenberry as a member of the Academic Personnel Board.

Regarding administrative shifts, Mary Duyrea is an Assistant Dean for Research, Marilyn Norman will be the State Director of 4H, Joe Schaeffer will be shifting to District 5, the Director for the Center of Natural Resources will be Randall Stocker, and the interim chair of Food Resources and Economics (FRE) Dept. is Bill Messina. A national search will be conducted to find a permanent chair for FRE and Ed Osbourne will be chair of this search and screen committee.

Dr. Martin is exploring the possibility of partnering with NOVA Southeastern University, and this may include a new building on IFAS property in Ft. Lauderdale that would be a shared facility. Also, the Kennedy Space Center and IFAS will be "launching" a partnership: the Space Agrobiotechnology Research and Education Center (SABRE) which will be directed by Rob Ferl. The Space Experimental Research and Processing Laboratory (SERPL) will be under SABRE and two faculty members with adjunct status will be there.

Dean Cheek

Dean Cheek joined the meeting at 3:00 PM. He is intending to have a monthly IFAS lunch with about 20 faculty invited per session so that critical issues can be discussed. He also mentioned that he and the Provost were meeting the week of March 18 for a program review, and Dean Cheek highlighted several of the CALS accomplishments relative to our academic programs.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Gallo-Meagher, Secretary