

UF/IFAS Faculty Advisory Committee
November 13, 2002

Members Present: David Wofford (Chair and Presiding), Lynn Bailey, Susan Hedge, Tim Hewitt, Karen Koch, Bill Mahan, Marjorie Moore, Ron Muraro, Jim Preston, and Jim Selph.

Guest Present: Joe Glover

Meeting called to order at 1:30 PM by Chair David Wofford.

Agendas were distributed. Lynn Bailey made a motion to accept the October 8, 2002 minutes as submitted. Seconded by Jim Selph.

David distributed a tentative FAC schedule for 2003. The committee will meet in building 499 for the December meeting.

A search is underway for a candidate for the Indian River REC position. Four individuals will be interviewed.

There will be an internal search for the Agricultural and Biological Engineering Department Chair position. Dr. Carl Baird is retiring at the end of this year.

There will be a search for a new director for the forestry and natural resources programs to replace Wayne Smith.

Marketing has been identified as a critical area for IFAS. Elizabeth (Liz) Felter will be put in the Marketing Programs position to address concerns in this area.

A search committee for the UF President will be underway in the near future.

Major IFAS issues for 2002-2004 are: 1) Continued programmatic and administrative streamlining, 2) Enhance connectedness to constituents/clientele, 3) Implementation of UF's Strategic Plan, 4) Prepare for DROP created openings and needs, 5) Redouble efforts to coalesce support in 2003 Legislature, 6) Press for selected special project federal funding initiatives as part of UF package, 7) More fully energize truly shared governance system in IFAS, 8) Remain true to Florida FIRST, values, initiatives and imperatives, and 9) Improve faculty salaries and support. This list is not necessarily complete.

Glover indicated that all current state employees will become UF employees on January 7, 2003. UF will become a public cooperative. Numerous other changes will also occur beginning on that date and notifications on most of these have been send out electronically.

We discussed the IFAS biotechnology component of the UF plan with Dr. Glover. The FAC believes there is a lack of IFAS recognition in the UF plan. The FAC decided to form a subcommittee to ensure that IFAS is reasonably represented in the biotech component of the UF strategic plan. Jim Preston, Karen Koch and Maria Gallo-Meagher were recommended to serve in this role and generate a white paper that would be useful to Dr. Martin in future discussions.

We discussed the biology major and Glover indicated that Zoology and Botany were simply developing a website and that this wasn't a new major. In order to have greater input for IFAS, the FAC asked Jim Preston to contact the individuals involved in this matter to obtain information on developments and to report back to the FAC at a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM.