

UF/IFAS Faculty Advisory Committee
December 19, 2002

Members Present: David Wofford (Chair and Presiding), Lynn Bailey, Maria Gallo-Meagher, Karen Koch, Marjorie Moore, Ron Muraro, Jim Preston, Ken Quesenberry, Brian Scully, and Jim Selph.

Members Absent: Susan Hedge, Tim Hewitt, and Bill Mahan

Meeting called to order at 1:20 PM by Chair David Wofford.

Agendas were distributed. The minutes of the November 13, 2002 meeting were approved as previously circulated.

Comments from Vice-President Mike Martin:

Interviews of internal candidates for the director of the Indian River REC position are underway and should be finalized by mid January. Four individuals will be interviewed.

Interviews of internal (to UF) candidates for the Chair of Agricultural and Biological Engineering Department Chair are underway and should be finished by late December.

There will be a national search for a new Chair for Microbiology and Cell Science.

There will be a national search for a new Director of the School of Forest Resources and Conservation.

The VP Office will select and name a Director of the newly created School of Natural Resources and Environment.

The VP Office will select and name a Director of the newly created Water Institute.

The FAC and VP Martin discussed the UF Strategic Plan and the differing views of UF and IFAS regarding positions in the plan. These discussion covered both positions created through DROP and positions to be reassigned among units to meet the goals of the Strategic Plan.

The report by Jim Preston, Karen Koch and Maria Gallo-Meagher regarding IFAS activities in "biotechnology and genetics" as related to the Genetics Institute would still be useful to Dr. Martin in future discussions.

We had more discussion regarding the biology major with Dr. Martin and FAC. Although Joe Glover indicated that Zoology and Botany were simply developing a website and that this wasn't a new major, it seems to have all the makings of one and it does not seem that IFAS is included .

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 PM.