

UF/IFAS Faculty Advisory Committee
12 February 2003

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

Members Absent: Brian Scully

Meeting called to order at 1:15 p.m. by Chair David Wofford.

Agendas were distributed. The minutes of the January 15, 2003 meeting were approved as previously circulated. Several FAC members requested that a copy of the January minutes and the FAC membership and contact list be resent via e-mail, and **that will be done with the February minutes.**

Chairman Wofford announced that Vice-President Martin had been unexpectedly called to a meeting in Tallahassee and would not be attending the FAC meeting.

It was discussed that Brian Scully had accepted the position as Director of the Indian River AREC, Ft. Pierce, and thus would no longer be a member of the FAC. Chair Wofford will consult with VP Martin regarding the procedure for a replacement.

Dean Jimmy Cheek then met with the FAC. He discussed the history of the development of the "Biology Major" by CLAS. It appears that Dean Sullivan of CLAS wants the major to move rapidly through the approval process in order to try to recruit into this major for fall 2003. (Subsequent to the FAC meeting this fast track process has been stopped). FAC had a long discussion of this issue with Dean Cheek and explained various faculty positions. These discussions were very timely and supportive for Dean Cheek as subsequently the entire effort is now being reworked to insure that CALS is fully integrated into any program that goes forward to the Curriculum committee and the University Senate. There is now a CALS committee working to develop a set of curricula that would be integrated into the overall biology major program and to insure that the major is truly "shared" with CLAS. This committee met on February 28 and again on March 5.

After Dean Cheek left the FAC had additional discussions regarding the biology program. It was suggested that we invite Dean Cheek back for an update on biology and to discuss other academic program issues - especially plans to deal with critical instructional holes created by DROP.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45pm