

IFAS Faculty Council Meeting
Minutes
September 19, 2006

Members present: Elizabeth Bolton, Samira Daroub (via PolyComm), David Holmes, Mike Kane, Heather McAuslane, Nick Place, Fritz Roka (chair), Mike Sweat

Members absent: Lochrane Gary, Jude Grosser, Gail Kauwell, Tom Obreza, Steve Johnson

Chair Fritz Roka called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. in room 102 of the Red Larson Dairy building.

Update and Comments from Senior Vice President Cheek.

1. **IFAS Metrics** - Senior Vice President Cheek shared with the Faculty Council (FC) a draft of a PowerPoint presentation that details many metrics by which IFAS can be evaluated. He plans to share these metrics in person with faculty in all departments and RECs within the next 6 months. These IFAS-specific metrics include: Operating Budget and Sources of Funding; Grants and Contracts (Total, State and Federal); Federal and State Research Appropriations; Annual Grants Expenditures; Gifts, Pledges and Matching Dollars; Endowment Values; Cultivars Released and License Income; All IFAS Royalty Revenues; Licensing of IFAS Technology; CALS Student Credit Hours; Entering Freshmen High School GPA and Average SAT Score; GRE Scores for Students Entering Graduate Programs; CALS Enrollment; CALS Degrees Awarded; Post Doctoral Associates; Faculty Salary by Academic Rank; County and State/Federal Support of Extension; Extension Publications; and Extension Consumer Satisfaction. Measures of diversity are compiled and include: Extension Meeting Attendance by Ethnicity; IFAS Faculty by Gender and Minority (with African American and Hispanic split out), separately for State and County Faculty; CALS Minority Student Enrollment; and African American and Hispanic IFAS Faculty.

Senior VP Cheek pointed out that IFAS grants and contracts grew at a rate second only to that of Health Sciences. He dispelled the rumor that only grants that carry indirect costs are important. If a faculty member's research can be supported by funding agencies that allow IDC then that faculty member should apply for those funds, but all grants are important, regardless of IDC rate. He mentioned that the University had tried to negotiate a 25% IDC return rate from state grants (currently at 5%) but had not yet been successful. He clarified the reasoning behind the new policy of retaining 25% of residual monies left on fixed cost grants to help fund the IFAS Sponsored Programs office. He mentioned that endowments are increasing. His goal is for endowments to double in 5 years and for all departments and county offices have an endowment. He would like to see IFAS faculty more ethnically diverse.

Senior VP Cheek was asked how our metrics stack up with those of other Land Grant Universities. He replied that, in general, they stack up well however not all universities record their data in the same way so it is difficult to compare universities. He mentioned that the University needs much higher tuition rates to bring up our reputation. We presently are at the bottom of the 75 top public universities in tuition rates.

2. **2007-2008 Legislative Budget Request** – Senior VP Cheek shared the main initiatives for the 2007-2008 Legislative session. Requests include: \$1.74 million (M) for IFAS workload increase formula; \$2.0M for development of citrus plants resistant to citrus canker, greening and other diseases that challenge sustainable citrus production; \$1.5M for alternative energy initiative (in particular ethanol and cellulose); \$2.6M for statewide

distance education system and climate/weather decision making system; \$1.24M for invasive species research and education program; \$1.20M for profitable and sustainable alternative cropping systems; and \$1.04M for Florida foods for Optimal Health (joint program with FIU). A total request of \$4.776M will be presented for Solutions for Water Sustainability, an overall UF project involving cross campus partnership. IFAS' share of the proposed initiative is \$1.0M.

IFAS Shared Governance and Development of By-Laws. Senior VP Cheek asked the FC to think about the bureaucracy involved in the draft IFAS Constitution as it is currently written. He stated that a simpler constitution, such as that of the College of Engineering, might be a better model. Senior VP Cheek left at 2:25 p.m.

Discussion followed after the Senior VP's departure on when administrators will have input to the draft constitution (either the IFAS Constitution or those being developed by individual RECs and departments). This question is currently unresolved. It was suggested that some guidance may be provided at the Faculty Development Conversation Series workshop, "Implementing Shared Governance at UF", to be held on October 17th.

The first meeting of the Phase II IFAS Shared Governance Committee, chaired by Curt Hannah, is scheduled to meet on September 20th. This committee comprises all IFAS UF Faculty Senators and all members of the IFAS FC (approximately 40 individuals elected by the general IFAS faculty). They will discuss and revise the draft Constitution produced by the Phase I committee, chaired by Elizabeth Bolton.

The draft Constitution will eventually be emailed to the entire IFAS faculty for comment. Members of the Phase II committee have been assigned various units (departments, RECs and county offices) and will meet with those faculty to discuss the history, development and importance of shared governance within IFAS.

Future Meetings of the Faculty Council. Meetings of the 2006-2007 Faculty Council will be held from 1:30 till 4:30 in the conference room (room 102) of the Red Larson Dairy building in Animal Sciences. Tentative dates are: October 18th, November 16th, December 20th, January 17th and February 21st.

The August meeting minutes were approved as amended. The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather McAuslane (Secretary)