FACULTY MEETING MINUTES

Date: 12/6/12
Meeting started: 2:00 PM
Meeting adjourned: 3:00 PM

Attendees: Fredy Altpeter, Jerry Bennett, Ann Blount, John Erickson, Jay Ferrell, Luke Flory, Lyn Gettys, Bill Haller, Kevin Kenworthy, Rose Koenig, Greg MacDonald, Theresa Martin, Yoana Newman, Dennis Odero, Ken Quesenberry, Diane Rowland, Ana Saballos, Brent Sellers, Lynn Sollenberger, Jianping Wang

Business Items:

Position Updates:

• Sugarcane Agronomist (EREc) – Letter of offer sent to Hardev Sandhu (subsequently accepted)
• WFREC Position – Letters of Reference for candidates, short list expected 12/10/12.
• Forage Breeder – Preliminary screening begins 12/7/12. Approximately 19 applicants
• World Food Crops Breeder – Closes first week of January, expected end of Feb, early March for interviews.
• Agronomy Department Chair – Committee has met. Position has posted and will close March 31. Expect interviews to begin in May. Need to cast a net for candidates.

Shared Service Center

• Send P-card, travel, etc. to mccarty-ssc@ufl.edu with a cc to agronomy@ifas.ufl.edu

IT Policy

• IT Positions stay in the departments
• Evaluations shared with IFAS IT

Jimmy’s position was not intended to be heavy on IT Support, but was more web-related. Please be aware that support may be minimalized moving forward to allow time for web work and other duties.

Administrative Items:

• Materials/Supply Fees – submit additions/changes by deadline. Please make sure you are only submitting receipts for what you requested.
• CALS Alumni Awards – Industry folks – who should be nominated?
• Ag Women’s Scholarship – Encourage female graduate students to apply if eligible.
• Dr. Payne’s e-mail re: workload and annual reports.

Other Updates:

Awards Committee
• Harris Award – fewer awards but larger amounts
• No nominations received for the Mott, CE Dean or Best Thesis Awards.

Graduate Assistantships
• Department funded graduate assistantships – will need to look at other models for this.
• Academic Programs may change model for allocating funds (example: AP covers all tuition for IFAS students, etc.)

Extension
• Meeting February 13-14 to become more acquainted with Dr. Nick Place.
• Forage Extension Group discussions with Ruth Borger about where EDIS currently is and where it needed to be. Consensus is that it needs to be cleaned up and Dr. Ferrell felt that we could eliminate 20% of the currently publications.

Graduate Program
• 19 applicants for Spring Semester. Enrolling 6 – 1 Ph.D. (Sellers), 2 M.S. (Altpeter and Leon), 1-2 Agroecology students, 1 SWS Agroecology student
• 3 graduates this semester
• 10 exit interviews for Spring Semester

Undergraduate Program
• Survey of Plant Pathogens DE (Plant Pathology) – can it meet the elective requirement for Agronomy specialization. Consensus was that it would be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Meeting adjourned