

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

TO FACULTY SENATE

January 19, 2017



2017 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

FACULTY INVESTMENT - \$20M

- Recruit 100 new faculty members to focus on five research areas: including data analysis, human health, security, infrastructure and advanced materials

FACULTY RETENTION - \$30M

- Bridge the faculty salary gap between UF and our peers

GRADUATE STUDENTS - \$10M

- Increase stipends to attract and retain the brightest graduate students to support important research

STUDENT FACULTY RATIO - \$15M

- Reduce the ratio from 21:1 to 19:1 by hiring 125 faculty members

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UTILITIES / INFRASTRUCTURE / IMPROVEMENTS - \$30M

NUCLEAR SCIENCE BUILDING - \$8.65M

NORMAN HALL - \$10.3M

DATA SCIENCE AND CYBER TECHNOLOGY BUILDING - \$25M

MUSIC BUILDING REPLACEMENT - \$12.5M

2017 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

FLORIDA ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION

INSTITUTE FOR COMPARATIVE VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC

MEDICAL MARIJUANA

ZIKA RESEARCH

ST. AUGUSTINE HISTORIC BUILDING ROOFS

2017 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

IFAS WORKLOAD

IFAS TROPICAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CENTER

IFAS WATER BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

IFAS SUWANEE VALLEY AG EXTENSION

IFAS SW FLORIDA RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CENTER

IFAS INVASIVE WILDLIFE RESPONSE PROGRAM

SUS AGENDA

- Advancing Research and Innovation
- Joint Use Library Storage Facility
- Mental Health Counseling Services
- Campus Safety and Security

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LOBBYING STATUTES AND NEW HOUSE RULES

- ANY UF employee who requests funding or advocates for or against legislation involving the university must register as a lobbyist and file disclosure forms when meeting with the House members or staff.
- It is unclear whether this applies to faculty who are contacted by a legislator or simply provide information or expertise to legislature.
- Violations could result in a 2-year suspension from lobbying the Florida House.
- In order to avoid unintentional violations, faculty and staff must contact University Relations or IFAS Government Relations before they communicate with legislators or staff.
- Rules do not apply to personal communications, using personal computers on personal time.