

MINUTES OF THE SHARE COUNCIL VIRTUAL SUMMER MEETING

Friday, August 7, 2020 | 3:00-4:00pm | Zoom

Members in Attendance: Chair Kate English, Vice Chair Sharon Spratt, Membership/Nominee Committee Chair Peter Chaires, Secretary Heather Yoder, Cody Helmer, Reggie Brown, Steve Smith, Wayne Smith, Mike Di Girolamo, Ray Goldwire, Tom Hart, Kenneth Parker, and Erny Sellers.

Member Prospect Guests: Patricia Dewar and Melissa Putnam.

Guests: Office staff members: Julie Conn, Katherine Davies, John Hooker, Caylin Hilton, Pam Matchett, Geneveve Henson and Kelly Westfall.

Call to Order and Welcome: Kate English called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the summer SHARE Council meeting. She acknowledged the great thing about the technology was that it allowed everyone to easily meet from wherever they're at. One of the purposes for the meeting was to catch up with each other rather than waiting until the Fall meeting.

Kate invited everyone to introduce themselves and share an "a-ha moment" they've come to realize during the pandemic.

All guests shared personal introductions and "a-ha moments."

Kate English discussed the meeting with Dr. Angle in July with the group who helped with his onboarding. She was very pleased and thought the rest of the group would be excited to hear what he had to say at the next meeting. They were sure to let Dr. Angle know the Council was ready to help him. He had discussed projects that he would like for people, perhaps the SHARE Council, to tackle. She is looking forward to a close and cooperative relationship with the new Vice President. His background is uniquely helpful for the times and issues Florida agriculture is facing.

Reggie Brown shared that he was impressed that he was more of a servant leader than a take charge kind of person. He is very much focused on the educational side of the university and the students on the campus.

Cody Helmer noted that Dr. Angle sees himself as an advocate for agriculture with the President and the Provost of UF. The group had asked Dr. Angle what they can do to help him, and he said if they can circle a project that is important for the Vice President and for IFAS, and one that the SHARE Council believes in and can move forward, that would be the biggest thing. So if we can find something that makes sense to do, whether for fundraising or for advocacy, he thinks that is really what Dr. Angle would love to see the SHARE Council take on in the next year or two.

Kate recognized that one thing that has evolved for the SHARE Council is its ability to look around and have the conversation about what needs to be done and engaging in that.

Kate asked Cody and the Advancement staff to circle back with some things at the Fall meeting that would be potential projects for the SHARE Council to work on.

Kenneth liked everything Dr. Angle had to say about the future and about the students. He thinks he has a pretty good grasp on the dynamics of the state of Florida, and he understands it's different than other states. He thinks Dr. Angle is on the right track.

Cody Helmer discussed the plans for this year's Dinner of Distinction with the reality of the pandemic. Working with IFAS leadership, it was decided to hold a virtual event. Invitations would be sent out early September and would include a drink coaster and list of ingredients to prepare a Fresh from Florida dinner at home. Dr. Angle will host the event and, rather than recognizing new awardees, we would recognize the past 100+ awardees. The event would provide the opportunity to reflect on where we've come from, what we've done in this time, and look ahead to where we're going. He is looking forward to the virtual format because it will allow for immediate feedback through polls, surveys, and open conversation toward the end of the event.

Cody also noted that Dr. Angle is very much on board with the event and sees it as a great opportunity to meet a broader audience of IFAS supporters. While his sweet spot is with smaller groups, he really loves the opportunity to engage and get to know people.

Wayne Smith asked for Cody to walk them through the agenda for the Dinner of Distinction. Cody turned it over to Heather to go over the draft agenda. She gave a high-level overview of the event, noting that Dr. Angle would welcome the guests, introduce himself and lead into the awardee recognition piece. The deans would give remarks about the broad impact of the awardees and updates from their unit. The event would end with an "open mic" portion where guests would have the opportunity to comment, give feedback, ask questions. The details are still being worked out and could change.

Julie Conn shared, for the confidentiality of the group that she and John are working on an extremely large gift that would be transformation for Extension (details excluded from the minutes). Cody noted that we're about 24 million dollars from hitting the campaign goal, and this gift would hit that goal plus some.

Cody Helmer brought up that one of the projects that stands out that this group might be interested in is Dr. Angle's "VP Promise: Enriching the Student Experience." He's really interested in finding outside of the classroom experiences for students (study abroad, internships, conferences, symposiums, etc.). He's offered a challenge match to put his own money toward getting things going. Cody thinks that with pushing the communications piece of the campaign and having the SHARE Council advocate for it, there could really be some good work done with this project.

Kate English adjourned the meeting at 4:01pm.

Reported and respectfully submitted by:



Heather Yoder, Secretary