

SFC CESU Meeting

08-27-2021

Agenda

- Introductions
 - Evelyn Gaiser – Host-University Director
 - Robert Gutierrez – Assistant VP for Research, Admin Contact since 2005
 - Carol Daniels – Senior Scientist and coordinator at NPS
 - Paige Kleindl – Graduate Assistant
 - Tom Fish – National CESU Network
 - Helena Solo-Gabriele – U of Miami, was academic lead the past 5 years
 - Cara Abbott – Education Outreach Coordinator Non profit – pine rockland initiative project, restoring fragments of pine rockland
 - Laura Brandt – USFW, regional scientist for the SE region, technical representative for this CESU
 - John Baldwin – Biology Professor at Florida Atlantic University
 - Jerry Lorenz – Audubon Florida, doing work in mangrove ecology, trophic structure of wading birds in the Everglades – representative since 2000
 - Nikki Fogarty -UNCW Assistant Professor
 - Lori Collins – U of S Florida Professor – doing work with SE archeological center, digital mapping of sites in the Everglades
 - Dreamal Worthen – FAMU
 - Darren Rumbold – Florida Gulf Coast University, SFWM project in lake Ochechobee, projects in SRS and Thousand Islands
 - Ken Rice – WARC Director of Aquatic Research Center
 - Jennifer Possley – Fairchild Tropical Garden
- National CESU Update
 - Council meeting yesterday afternoon
 - 20 year program evaluation project – similar one with all of us next month
 - Host funding award in progress
 - DOI budget – made it through the first mark-up in the house
 - Would support research coordinators and additional staffing
- New List-server
 - One for partners and one for members
 - Notifications for people missing from list servers due to changes in roles
- Overview of Action Plan
 - Want to send a monthly email – check up to members if there is any info they would like spread around
 - Future newsletter – highlight current projects occurring in the SFC CESU
 - Strategic Plan
 - Want to expand social sciences

- Discussion
 - Best brainstormed during in-person meetings or a longer meeting – potential meeting in the spring
 - Last year – GEER
 - Future Meeting
 - Weary about meeting in-person and 3-day zoom meetings have been draining
 - Shorter meetings on specific topics work very well
 - Host multiple meet your neighbor type meetings
 - See where we are in the next few months
 - Need for us to get together – there is a feeling of disconnect
 - Meet more frequently – bimonthly
 - Don't want to go over a two-hour block
 - Quarterly meeting for 1 hr
 - What is the purpose of us getting together
 - Share research funded by CESU – maybe theme based things – **do assessment of projects funded in the past few years**
 - Increase student participation, discuss direction of CESU, etc.
 - Special topics – internships and job placements – get students, faculty, partners together and present how to get into job market/non-academic research route
 - Want to hear about possible RFPs down the road
 - Want to get federal partners to attend the meetings – find local people to have presentations
- Smithsonian application
 - A part of two other CESUs
 - Who the representatives would be and their goals
 - Describe the different components of the Smithsonian and different projects that they have sponsored
 - Also applying to Piedmont CESU right now
- Discussion and vote
 - A wonderful opportunity to partner with them
 - Lots of positive feedback
 - Would like the Smithsonian to attend a meeting and present their information possibly
 - Would we be competing with Smithsonian for funding? – they are joining as a recipient

- Any specific coordination that the Smithsonian wants to be a part of? – joining this to join all of the CESUs and use it as a platform to facilitate cooperation and increase their visibility
 - Need to have a vote later on
- Meeting schedule for 2021-22