

Teaching Research and Extension programs at FAMU

Issue: The teaching research and extension programs are very success, but have grown in different directions. The areas of expertise that we have in these separate areas are not generally complementary and for a small limited resource institution under budget constraints, this can limit future growth.

What has been done: The two direct initiatives have been in creating the CESTA scholars program and changing the expectations of new faculty. The CESTA scholars program funds students to work on small collaborative projects across teaching, research and extension. When hiring new faculty, the expectation is that they will be an active participant in at least two of the three major thrust areas.

Impacts: By funding the students in the scholars program, we have enhanced the shared impact of our teaching, research and extension programs. We also have more students involved in land-grant activities. Involving new faculty in joint activities has allowed the college to have impact across areas without hiring dedicated personnel. As many of the faculty have started in the last 2 years, the true impact will not be known for several more years.

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