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TRANSFER OF HERBARIUM FROM ROLFS HALL
TO THE FLORIDA STATE MUSEUM

The purpose of this document is (1) to set forth the objectives and functions which the herbarium of the University of Florida will serve and (2) to delineate the responsibilities and administration of the herbarium under a dual sponsorship of the Florida State Museum and the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS).

RATIONALE OF TRANSFER

In general, we believe that the herbarium can be made more useful on a university-wide basis by having it located in the museum along with the other major collections of the University of Florida. By so doing it would be possible to broaden the base of both research and teaching and to increase the collecting participation of biologists here on the campus. It seems probable that the herbarium might also take on more of an international flavor, since people visiting the Caribbean and South and Central American countries might participate more in collecting if it were associated with the museum than they do at the present time.

RESEARCH AND SERVICE FUNCTIONS

The primary responsibility of the herbarium would be to accumulate and maintain collections of plant materials indigenous to Florida, the Southeastern United States, South America, and the Tropics. The herbarium should play a distinct service role in providing access to faculty and the public the services of classification and plant identification and as a teaching and research tool assisting all plant science functions.

A primary responsibility of the herbarium will be the research role it will serve as an official and safe repository for specimen materials, (a) recoding and documenting the natural flora history of Florida, (b) disseminating to the public information as the product of scientific research in taxonomy and morphology, (c) providing recommendations for the conservation and proper exploitation of natural history materials and data, (d) providing examination, classification and other systematic programs associated

with the plant kingdom and its distribution with Florida, and (e) assuming direct responsibility in certain educational research programs of the university at large through staff participation in the teaching and research programs of related departments.

HERBARIUM STAFF

Name	% Time, Curatorial and Identification	% Time, Research	% Time, Teaching
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Curator (TBA)			
Ward (Assoc. Prof.)	40	50	10
Griffin (Asst. Prof.)	20	30	50
Kimbrough (Assoc. Prof.)	30	30	40
Gregory (Sec. II)	60	40	
Windsor (Lab Tech I)		100	
Lee (Lab Tech II)	100		
Student Assts. (15 hrs/wk)	100		

The above is a suggested distribution for members of faculty and staff to be associated with the herbarium.

The museum administration considers a minimum of 1.0 FTE must be transferred to the museum in order for the museum's Department of Natural Sciences to exercise administrative control as well as research responsibility within the herbarium program. This position is represented in the above table as a TBA, which it is recommended that the university provide to the museum. The remaining academic persons involved are those persons presently engaged at the herbarium who would be offered joint appointments in the museum equivalent to those in their associated departments. The Career Service Personnel associated with the herbarium would be transferred in toto and would be administered by the curator or his designates.

Either the department or IFAS may add additional staff line items in the future if this seems in the best interest of the herbarium research program.

HERBARIUM HOUSING

Available Museum Space (approximate)

Office	
Laboratory	378 sq. ft.
Range & Research Space	2806 sq. ft.

HERBARIUM ADMINISTRATION

In view of the circumstances regarding the proposed move and the unavailability of funds within the museum, all costs of moving the herbarium will be borne by the Agricultural Experiment Station. Continuing supply and equipment funds will be provided in the museum budget. It is agreed that IFAS, through the Department of Botany, will continue to provide salary and operating budget appropriate with the function and service which the herbarium will be performing as they have done for the past many years. No special study has been made of the budgetary needs of the herbarium under the museum direction, but it is felt that IFAS and the museum will jointly finance the needs of the herbarium in the immediate future and on a long range basis.

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