

Redirecting, Refocusing, and Reinvigorating OSU water initiatives

**February 27, 2009 1 – 3 pm
MU 206, Asian Pacific Room**

Statement of Objectives

With the establishment of the Water Resources Graduate Program and the IWW, OSU has positioned itself well to aggressively pursue exploration and training related to the social, technical, and theoretical aspects of water on earth. It is expected that both the student applicant pool and the funds available to study sustainable use of water and hydrologic sciences will increase dramatically in the coming few years. At that same time, OSU is unlikely to gain more faculty to address this opportunity. Thus, we need to think about new approaches to expand our ability to respond to this set of conditions, including more semi-independent post-doc/research faculty who can co-advise students.

Agenda

Facilitator: John Selker

1:00-1:15 **Michael Campana** - Current statistics of OSU water community

1:15-1:30 **Richard Cuenca** - Outlook for water from a DC perspective

1:30-1:40 **Self-introductions** - Attendees

1:40-1:50 **Research Office** - Current research grant opportunities

1:50-2:15 **John Selker** - Open brain storming of ways forward

2:15-2:45 **Break Out Sessions** - Task-groups to address identified opportunities

Themes (Attendees self select, with 6 to 7 people per group)

- How to support multi-investigator proposal development
- How to support "soft money" investigators in our community
- Are the courses working? What needs adjustment in the academic program
- What would the ideal IWW look like?

2:45-3:00 **John Selker** - Closing synthesis