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Along with the rest of the Executive Committee, I want to thank the University of Florida Landscape Architectural Faculty and Students for hosting us during our February meeting weekend. We look forward to continuing our relationship with the program, just as we do with our friends at Florida International University. We are excited to see the student's work, as well as share a bit about our own projects. One of our ongoing goals is to explore ways for the Florida Chapter to assist our universities to recruit, educate, develop, and graduate landscape architects. I also want to thank Caeli Tolar and Dan Manley for their efforts in organizing the event at the University.

### Education

The FLASLA Scholarship Committee has held several meetings and is thoroughly investigating the establishment of a scholarship endowment. The Committee anticipates having a motion for the Executive Committee's consideration very soon. If you would like to be involved in this effort, please contact the Committee Chairman Jonathan Haigh.

### Advocacy

Our Government Affairs Committee under the leadership of Richard Klar and Emily O'Mahoney, along with Diana Ferguson, have been closely monitoring a couple of pertinent issues in Tallahassee. A potential modification of the Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act (Florida Statute 287.055), as well as possible legislation involving an unspecified deregulation effort are being discussed by legislators. All of us need to continue to build relationships with our local legislators and keep them informed about the importance of Landscape Architecture and educate them about our expertise. Our FDOT Subcommittee has scheduled a meeting with the incoming Secretary of the Department, and has outlined a strategy for communicating some specific concerns that they have identified during the past several months of meetings. I want to thank Allan Iosue and the rest of this Subcommittee for their efforts.

As always, I appreciate the opportunity and honor of serving FLASLA as your President. Please contact me at [president@flasla.org](mailto:president@flasla.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

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