Florida Orchard Notes

Jamie is mowing the prairie sometimes

Sometimes F&S Grounds

Grounds previously mowed on a weekly basis

Began to only mow at the end of season or for weeds

Today grounds tries to stay out of the prairie

John requested that F&S mow the perimeter and pathways

Are pathways currently walkable?

They can be seen and used, but mostly due to foot traffic

Can pathways be mowed?

Jamie could, but transport of equipment is difficult

Mulch on pathways?

Mulch need maintenance

May inflame the invasive issue

Signed copy of MOA may be with ACES

Develop new MOU

Affirm the prairie as a natural area

Create a joint partnership

But establish a central individual to request needs

Committee on Natural Areas would need to decide on an individual

Why keep it as a natural area rather than incorporate it to the arboretum?

That would be a campus (provost) decision

Get provost to sign a MOU

Kevin supports, but Kevin is stepping down as Director

Reluctant to make commitments due to this leadership change

Early next year, discuss with new director

Need funding for supplies regardless of status

Student and Research use of space is needed

F&S effectively owns the prairie

F&S does not have the resources to maintain it properly

Create a management plan

Along with an MOU

Red Bisons current activities

Mike Ward advisor

Students would not do work without input/direction

Continued participants

New Arboretum director

Alice

Jamie

Ryan

Justin

New LA

December meeting?

Meeting in spring with more involved parties