

Infrastructure Council Minutes

April 11, 2019

2:00 p.m.

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Present: Keith Rambo, Laurie Bialosky, Bernard Hauser, John Duncan, Keith Schneider, Ann Wehmeyer, Megan Forbes, Matt Williams, Allison Vitt, Craig Hill, Win Phillips, Lili Du, Scott Washburn, Michael Dark, Ryan Thomson, Sam Jenkins, and Bailey LeFever.

1. Call to Order – Bernard Hauser, Chair

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m.

2. Approval of February 14, 2019 Minutes

-The minutes were approved.

3. Election of 2019-20 Infrastructure Council Chair

-Bernard Hauser was elected.

4. Mobility Options Presentation— Drs. Lily Elefteriadou, Lili Du, & Scott Washburn

- To help reduce parking challenges on campus, Dr. Du and Washburn communicated some solutions to examine, including utilizing real time data via an app so parking occupancy is known prior to commuters' arrival on campus. Both are also addressing the long-term campus vision and the general traffic in Gainesville and would like to build momentum by gathering data now to utilize and take advantage of UF student and faculty research expertise.
 - The Faculty Senate Office, the Office of Sustainability, the College of Engineering, and UFIT have been contacted and input is also being sought from the faculty at large and Infrastructure Council.
- Possible prohibitive costs of obtaining parking data as well as potential vendor requirements were discussed. Technology options such as: license plate recognition (to provide data of when and where people are parking and in what situations); sensor mats placed at parking entrances; vehicles which scan parked cars (to generate reports by vehicle, location, etc.);

stationery lot cameras (i.e. one camera covers approximately six spaces only) were discussed.

- New parking garage 14 has new technology, which is changing quickly and becoming more affordable, to monitor parking capacity.
- Lack of parking inventory growth compared to campus growth has been identified as a primary issue so investment in alternative modes of transportation is also being sought.
- Lili and Scott will work with Scott Fox, Director of Transportation & Parking Services and Craig Hill, Associate VP of Business Affairs, to further discuss using data to revise policies and funding priorities.
- Please share feedback and suggestions by emailing: Lili Du @ lilidu@ufl.edu or Scott Washburn @ swash@ce.ufl.edu.

5. Chair's Report

-An overview of [Faculty Senate Bylaws and UF Constitution changes](#) being presented to Faculty Senate was provided, including membership changes to the Parking & Transportation Committee and Senators being no longer limited to serving on two committees.

-The Steering Committee discussed disclosure requirements for research and travel, particularly with international entities, and its effects on faculty reporting requirements.

-The proposed [new regulation regarding prohibited consensual relationships](#) will be brought to Senate this month and will be voted on at the new Board of Trustees meeting.

6. Student Divestment Proposal – Sam Jenkins and Dr. Ryan Thomson

-Three resolutions regarding cessation of investment into fossil fuel companies by the UF endowment were presented and discussed, including issues of university transparency, sustainability, and its social, moral, and environmental responsibility surrounding harmed ecosystems and climate change driven by fossil fuel consumption.

-Dr. Ryan Thomson and Sam Jenkins presented three separate resolutions:

1. [Stop future investment of UF endowment funds into the top 50 fossil fuel companies](#),
2. [Minimize investments into mutual funds that invest in fossil fuel companies](#), and
3. [Report on the endowment annually, with estimates of current investments in fossil fuel companies](#).

- The authors of these resolutions advocate that these positions are morally correct and economically neutral to the UF endowment.
- The students discussed the [Environment, Social and Corporate Governance \(ESG\) Policy](#) as well as the [break-down of the ESG](#) which was shared with them by UF Executive Chief of Staff, Dr. Win Phillips, who liaisons with the UF investment firm, and who raised concerns about potential negative impacts to the endowment if the resolutions were implemented.
- The resolutions were tabled to permit council time to consider the arguments and authors time to document their assertion that these three changes would be revenue neutral.

7. Reporting of Contributing Committees and Administrative Liaisons:

- Parking and Transportation Committee (J) -- Keith Rambo
A [written report](#) was submitted.
- Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee (J) -- Megan Forbes
A [written report](#) was submitted.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.