

## Infrastructure Council Minutes

December 10, 2020 1:00 p.m.

via Zoom: <https://ufl.zoom.us/j/99823864861?pwd=RXFLaUZYa0NwdVcvQmNGeFQ2eFVEZz09>

**Attending:** Sylvain Doré, Richard Scholtz, Breann Garbas, Carlos Dougnac, Chad Doering, Frank LoMonte, Gail Hansen, Jonathan Orsini, Keith Rambo, Keith Schneider, Laurie Bialosky, Shannon Dunn, Tim Young, Linda Dixon, Mark McCallister, Nancy Chrystal-Green, Ray Thomas, and Ray Issa.

### 1. Call to Order – Richard Scholtz, Chair

- The meeting was called to order by Chair Scholtz at 1:02 p.m.

### 2. Approval of October 8, 2020 Minutes

- The minutes were approved.

### 3. Chair's Report – Richard Scholtz, Chair

- A summary of this afternoon's [Faculty Senate Steering agenda](#) was provided.

### 4. HyFlex & 2-Factor Authentication – Mark McCallister, Director of Academic Technology

- All registrar classrooms will be ready by 1/11/21, the first day of Spring classes.

- Technicians and installers will complete work by 12/23/20. Internal IT teams and inter-college IT and colleges are coordinating with central IT to provide faculty with a coherent and consistent approach to the technologies available. IT is readying technology for different classroom instructional needs based on classroom sizes and functions.

- IT has prepared HyFlex instruction capabilities for all classrooms by adding a second computer monitor to act as a Zoom gallery, which allows students to be seen in one monitor while PowerPoints, etc. can be viewed in the other monitor.

- An Omni-directional tabletop microphone has been added to each classroom to increase instructor audibility and mobility throughout the classroom.

- Classroom webcams have been updated to project wider displays and to help focus on whiteboards located near the podium.

- Larger classrooms have additional equipment to help contend with extra distance and space.

Wireless belt pack microphones, lapel microphones, and over the head/head-worn microphones are available for instructors.

- Touchscreen room controls, additional, large monitors, and whiteboard cameras (Kaptive) will aid in Zoom sharing in the classroom.

- Classroom views of active-learning (and other) classrooms and examples of the updated HyFlex equipment were shared.

- HyFlex resources can be viewed at: <https://citt.ufl.edu/resources/teaching-in-a-classroom-with-hyflex/> and faculty have opportunities to sign up for an instructional consultation and attend a 'best practices' sessions between now and December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Faculty can also do a walk-through of open classrooms the first week of January.

- Council members discussed their experiences with today's Turlington Hall boot camp and College of Medicine facilities. Tips and best practices were shared. Faculty are encouraged to attend the walk-in help sessions.

- IT Help Desk and IT student assistants will help individual students having technology issues. Instructional design teams within colleges also can help provide local technology support.

- The hardware replacement plans were discussed, including that a hardware life cycle replacement budget is provided by the Office of the Provost.

- Mark Helms, Assistant VP of Facilities Services Division and Sustainability is addressing airflow issues, as requested by the Faculty Senate Chair.

- Through an application process, the [Aid-a-Gator program](#) offers financial assistance to students struggling to improve or access internet services, or who may need other short-term monetary assistance to continue their class participation or degree completion.

- The 2-factor authentication roll out began with enrollment by campus staff, UFIT staff, and higher-level access systems. Faculty and students were then enrolled and the process has gone smoothly.

## **5. Campus Master Plan / Graduate Student Housing**

- Concern was expressed about the Campus Master Plan and the 340 beds being lost in Maquire Village and University Village South (UVS), as well as the related housing survey, particularly the clarity of questions posed in the survey and the resulting conclusions drawn; however, the

survey response rate was significant and UF Housing hosted a workshop(s) with graduate students to help address questions.

- The opening of designated conservation areas and learning classroom properties for future building sites in the Campus Master Plan was discussed.

- The Faculty Senate Chair has been made aware of these issues and has relayed them to the Board of Trustees, particularly as UF strives to be inclusive of all students and approximately 1/3 of UF students are graduate students, who play an important role in the teaching and research enterprise, including the university's goal of reaching one billion dollars in research funding. He also relayed that the Board of Trustees have been receptive to including graduate students (in addition to undergraduate students) in their efforts to enhance 'the student experience' and in recognizing graduate student housing needs. Suggestions on how to do so are welcome and can be emailed to [FacultySenateChair@ufl.edu](mailto:FacultySenateChair@ufl.edu)

- Deferred maintenance and apartment rates were discussed, including that a 4.5 % increase annually for the next five years could be considered.

- A suggestion was made to provide support for graduate students by designing a survey to help assess if graduate students are willing to pay increased rates on campus or if moving off campus is more desirable. Graduate Student Council has noted that they have had difficulty accessing student listservs and this has contributed to their inability to efficiently distribute surveys.

- UF Housing has reviewed the market for and costs of off-campus housing for students and has considered if UF were to provide such (comparable) housing, what would a feasible price point be? The Housing Office is piecing together a financial model for review by and discussion with UF CFO Chris Cowen.

- Attention to transportation access for those living off versus on-campus is important.

- Council agreed that it would be helpful to reach out to UF experts who can help dissect and suggest how to feasibly build affordable housing in this instance and in other likely scenarios.

- Ray Issa will contact [Bill O'Dell](#), Associate Research Professor & Director of the Shimberg Center for Housing Studies to share council's questions and concerns and ask for his colleagues in the College of Design, Construction, & Planning to help address council questions in January.

6. [Spring 2021 Meeting Dates](#) (1:00 – 2:30 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month January - April?)

- Not all council members can accommodate this meeting time next semester. The Faculty Senate Secretary will email a meetings poll to determine the best time for most and will [post](#)

the confirmed Spring 2021 council meeting time. All council members will be emailed the confirmed meeting dates later this month.

## **7. Reporting of Contributing Committees and Administrative Liaisons:**

- **University IT Committee (S) – Ray Issa**
  - The committee is planning the 2021 agenda and will include exploring an archiving process for emails and the retrieval of lost emails. The last meeting focused primarily on IT activities and planning to accommodate HyFlex and other instructional models in the Spring.
- **Parking and Transportation Committee (J) -- Keith Rambo**
  - During the months of November and December the committee approved six items:
    - UF 623B Final Design of temporary access road to the Reitz Union. Reitz Union access will close due to underground work which will begin in the spring and then shift to multiple phases.
    - UF 638 Design Development of the Student Health Care Center.
    - UF 669 Schematic Design of the Ambulatory Surgical Center. This was approved with recommendation for shade trees for walking paths.
    - UF 373 Design Development Florida Museum of Natural History Special Collections Building.
    - UF 669 Design Development of Ambulatory Surgical Center and
    - UF 656 Advance Schematic Design Landscape Master Plan Implementation. This was approved with recommendations focusing on the two new gateways.
- **Lakes, Vegetation, and Landscaping Committee (J) -- Gail Hansen**
  - The committee recommended a significant barricade to protect the trees by Reitz Union during construction. More plants and umbrella shade were recommended and the Shands Ambulatory Center terrace project was approved with a recommendation to further review how to accommodate increased diversity in anticipation of changes to the pond.
  - Two new entry areas into campus were discussed, including Newell Drive and the Tigert Hall area. Plans include allowing only emergency vehicles, relocating the entryway's large brick columns, and changing pedestrian crossing points. Suggestions included adding long leaf pines to more adequately represent the aesthetics of the northern Florida climate and

non-urban environment.

- Increased tree diversity is wanted in the Honors Housing area and there was discussion weighing the value of relocating the palm trees.

- The committee discussed removing the Broward Hall swimming pool or how to make the area more usable considering the grading issues.

- The committee will revisit the great lawn area as well as the tree variety issues.

- **Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee (J)** -- Tim Young

- The committee's November recommendations were reviewed and approved by VP for Business Affairs, Curtis Reynolds.

- December agenda items include examining special collections, the temporary access to Reitz Union, and follow-up on the landscape master plan. While numerous faculty members expressed a wish to conserve McCarty Woods, the landscape master plan was approved by the BOT at its December meeting.

- Infrastructure Council members discussed that a primary consideration in the decision not to conserve these woods may be due to it being a major entrance to IFAS. It was also noted that it is possible for specific elements of the landscape master plan to be amended if needed.

## **8. Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.