

Infrastructure Council Minutes
January 21, 2011
9:30 -10:30 A.M.
Smathers Library (East), Conference Room 2B

Members Present:

Tom Caswell
Elias Eldayrie
Gail Hansen de Chapman
Andy McCollough
Bill Millard
Mark Orazem
Brenda Smith
Naomi Young

The January 21, 2011 meeting of the University of Florida Infrastructure Council was called to order by Chair Mark Orazem at 9:30 a.m. Agendas were passed out and introductions were made. It was noted that Sue Alvers was the new Administrative Assistant for the Faculty Senate and will take the minutes in the future. The December minutes were distributed and approved as amended. Mark reported on the Senate Steering Committee meeting.

Concern was raised about the change in textbook purchasing. There is a problem with textbook availability. Students cannot find books for classes at the campus bookstore and are now going to Amazon to purchase books. Also, with the huge markup at the bookstore, it is cheaper to purchase from other vendors. It was noted that Pharmacy pays \$30,000 to McGraw-Hill for its students to have complete access to McGraw-Hill's online library. Mark mentioned that this should be one of the topics for spring meetings. He plans to contact student government again to find out their thoughts. It was suggested that the council should request a presentation from Campus Bookstore and privately owned Florida Bookstore at a future meeting.

Parking decals is another topic that the council should discuss during spring 2011 term. There is a question about carpooling, the cost and how many riders are considered a "car pool". Concern was raised over a change in policy for married University of Florida employees sharing a single parking decal.

We have a significant amount of online training that is required, such as sexual harassment and certain certifications for the VA and NIH. The frequency of online training is increasing without faculty input. The committee will recommend that faculty have some influence with these training modules, especially those that are outsourced. It was decided that Mark will prepare a draft recommendation requiring faculty input, but also recognizing that there are federal and state statutes mandating certain types of training. He will distribute the draft through email for members to review and give suggestions.

Committee Chair Reports:

- Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee – Bill Millard
The committee discussed the new CTSA building. Plan is to relocate some of the trees. There is some concern about the amount of windows in the building and window vs. bird collisions. Film on the glass is supposed to stop collisions plus make the building more efficient. The first

rendition and onsite drawings were finally approved. The Weimer expansion is going as planned with the addition of another floor over the piano area – no impact on vegetation and parking.

- Preservation of Historic Buildings and Sites Committee – Tom Caswell
Building activity was down in December. Committee is working on the university wide 911 signage issue. All the blue signs must have street numbers for 911 responders. Campus buildings will be listed as just the building name and street address. Plans are to take away the department signs. Academic Policy Council will invite Carol Walker, Assistant Vice President for Facilities, Planning and Construction, to speak at one of the council's future meetings.
- Lakes, Vegetation, and Landscaping Committee – Gail Hansen de Chapman
The committee talked about the CTSI building and the landscaping in the courtyard. A large pond was changed to retention base. Plans are for relocation of trees. A new wall is going in outside the Library. This is the third discussion on the wall.
- University Library Committee – Brenda Smith
The ULC met with Dean Russell. Discussion was about the RCM model and cost centers. RCM model is not library friendly. There is concern about the accounting of distant learners and library fees. Brenda announced that there will be a lecture that pertains to "What's the Good Life" course. What would sciences be without the humanities? Poster will be out next week. The lecture is open to everyone.

Future issues for the Infrastructure Council

- Parking decal issue (maybe ask Scott Fox to attend a meeting)
- Signage
- Textbooks
- Mark to draft online training recommendation

Meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.