

Infrastructure Council Minutes
September 14, 2012
10:00 AM
Steinbrenner Band Conference Room

Present: Jay Watkins, Ray Thomas, Bill Millard, Mario Poceski, Mark Tillman, Cheri Brodeur, Sue Alvers, Hans van Oostrom, and Neta Pulvermacher

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Jay Watkins.

Chair Election

Introductions were made and Jay Watkins was elected as Chair of the Infrastructure Council. After Jay's election, April 2012 minutes were approved.

Faculty Senate Chair

Cheri Brodeur, Faculty Senate Chair, thanked the members for agreeing to sit on the council. This is an important year with the decline of PECO funds. PECO funds are state funds that are used for renovations, or constructing new buildings. Most states bond against tuition to construct buildings, but in the past, Florida universities have used PECO funds. This council will help with how we are going to deal with the fund reductions.

Review of Agenda

Instead of reviewing the agenda, Jay suggested that everyone review the charge for this council.

Council Charge: *This council's area encompasses the University's infrastructure supporting the University's academic mission, including the provision of physical facilities and other physical resources; libraries; information technology; the campus master plan; and the availability of adequate computer, classroom, laboratory and other resources.*

Cheri's asked the Council Chairs to give a short presentation at the September 27 Faculty Senate meeting. Many of the senators do not know what council charges are.

Cross Campus Greenway Design Project

Jay distributed the Cross Campus Greenway Design project map for the council's information. The design should be completed by 2014. This is the first time that FDOT has constructed a project on a state campus. Once the design is complete, plans are to have forums and also brought before the senate.

Pony Field Name Change

After rebuilding the Pony Field, plans were to name the field after Skanska, who donated the work. However, the company asked that the field not be named after them. Naming of the field was then tabled by Ed Poppell. Now that Curtis Reynolds is the new Vice President for Business Affairs, it was suggested to contact Mr. Reynolds to find out the status of the Pony Field name change.

Reporting Committees

- Steering Committee – Jay Watkins
 - Nothing new on the Presidential Search. Bernard Mair proposed a couple policies. One was the Policy for Co-Listed Graduate/Undergraduate Course and the other a policy on Undergraduate Teaching Assistants.
 - Several of the councils are working on distance education and who owns courses and recordings. Cheri suggested that a subcommittee consisting of members from several councils might work on this item since many issues overlap councils.
- University Libraries Committee – Mario Poceski
 - Library took a 5% budget cut.

- Subcommittee met over the summer to work on a draft of the Open Access Policy. It is now under discussion in the full Committee. The committee hopes to finalize the draft policy soon and come before the Faculty Senate in November. This will be added to the Infrastructure Council agenda for October.
- Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee – Ray Thomas
 - Building the Harrell Education Building will have an impact of 127-137 parking spaces. The building is now in the design phase. Currently, we don't know where to relocate the service vehicles that park in these spaces currently.
 - Approved pedestrian crosswalk by the Reitz Union. This should make it safer for students with about 50 buses traveling through there per day.
 - Approved changing from bicycles racks to scooter parking at Delta Gamma.
 - Had a decal increase of 4% last year. There has been a significant impact on the budget with Shands going to free parking. UAA is using many of the facilities for football game parking. Several of the Infrastructure Council members suggested that there should be more specific signage around the Health Science Center. Many Health Science Center employees do not know when we have home football games and cannot leave work to move their cars.
- Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee: Approvals – Bill Millard
 - Renovation of the sports shop.
 - College of Engineering wind tunnels
 - Site for Harrell Building
 - Therapeutic Garden
 - Solar House in IFAS area
 - Five Generators in Shuck Village
 - Delta Gamma scooter parking
 - Progress Energy solar panels
 - High Volume Library Storage (441 and 39th Ave)

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.