

Infrastructure Council Minutes
October 23, 2014 3pm – 5pm
ARCH 331

Present: Megan Forbes, Andrew Giacini, Gail Hansen, David Oppenheimer, Patrick Reakes, Ray G. Thomas, Bradley Walters, Ann Wehmeyer, Caroline Wiltshire, and Fedro Zazueta.

The meeting was called to order by Bradley Walters at 3:00 p.m., introductions were made and minutes from September were approved with revisions. Fourth bullet under Faculty IT Subcommittee was revised to read: "In 2012, UF had an online course production capacity of 45 courses per year."

Contributing Committee Reports

- **Senate Steering Committee (S)** – Bradley Walters
 - Bradley distributed a handout showing side-by-side comparisons of annual decal and permit costs from the University of Florida and Ohio State University for the 2014-15 academic year.
 - Parking privatization will be discussed at the November Infrastructure Council meeting, then at contributing committees in December, then back to Infrastructure Council in January to allow for presentation of findings to Senate in February or March 2015.
 - There was a question about costs for visitor parking, and whether there was information available from Ohio State that could serve as a reference for UF.
 - Fedro Zazueta noted that there was currently a 5-year waiting list for gated parking spaces at UF.
 - Committee members speculated that more private spaces will likely be built adjacent to UF as parking prices on-campus increase and/or as availability of spaces decreases.
 - Ray Thomas noted that on-campus parking space valuation was underway by Parking Committee. If parking valuation exceeds cost paid for permits, additional valuation may be defined as a benefit for employees paid for by UF.
 - There may be an interest in disincentivizing parking on campus, but UF is moving away from punitive pricing of spaces. General increases in costs and elimination of spaces have reduced parking on campus. Students have been utilizing mass-transit more, which helps reduce parking demand.
 - Parking and Transportation has a guaranteed ride service for carpool permit holders, if spouse has to go home early. As noted on <http://www.parking.ufl.edu/subpages/carpool.html>, "*The Emergency Ride Home Program allows participants in the Carpool Program to leave campus in the event of an unexpected personal or family emergency. A member of the TAPS or UFPD staff will drive you home in an official vehicle, or TAPS will reimburse you for cab fare home upon submission of a valid receipt, as approved by TAPS (please obtain cab fare approval prior to 4:00 PM).*" This should be advertised more widely to encourage participation in the car pool program. Ray Thomas noted that this has only been used approximately three times in the last ten years.
 - It was noted that student permit costs at Ohio State are much higher than current costs at UF. As a result, privatization may impact students more than other groups.
 - The ZIP car rental service on campus is now self-supporting.
 - Discussions are underway to possibly incorporate Campus Cab (<http://parking.ufl.edu/subpages/campuscab.html>) into RCM to provide dedicated funding or

consolidate the program with SNAP (<http://www.police.ufl.edu/community-services/student-nighttime-auxiliary-patrol-snap/>). Ray Thomas noted that discussions are presently underway.

- There was a question about providing additional off-campus satellite parking. Paul Davenport has suggested light rail or monorail hub and spoke network on-campus.
- **Lakes, Vegetation and Landscaping Committee (J)** – Gail Hansen
 - At the October 9, 2014 meeting, one major project was approved: Communications Infrastructure Building (at College of the Arts). The project is located on the north side of College of the Arts building B, with access from Stadium Road.
 - The committee also reviewed the status of the Master Plan Update.
- **Preservation of Historic Buildings and Sites Committee (J)** – Joe Authmuth
 - No report.
- **Parking and Transportation Committee (J)** – Ray G. Thomas
 - Newell Hall renovation was discussed. The project should have minimal parking impacts. The committee is looking at the sharp turn in Stadium Road adjacent to Newell Hall, as it limits the movements of busses, especially in the southernly/western direction. Re-design of this roadway to ease the turn will be included in the Newell Hall design work.
 - Newell Hall will include façade restorations, as well as mitigation of asbestos, lead, and mold (\$500,000 mold mitigation needed)
 - The committee also discussed the status of the Master Plan Update.
- **Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee (J)** – Megan Forbes
 - At the October 7, 2014 meeting, two major projects were approved: UF-591 ENT/Ophthalmology (programming phase and site selection) and UF-461 NEXUS/ Engineering (programming phase and site selection).
 - The ENT/ Ophthalmology building is to be located adjacent to the Orthopedics building on Hull Road and SW 34th Street, and will include clinical, teaching and research space.
 - The NEXUS/ Engineering building will be an expansion of the Nuclear Engineering building, near the Reitz Union.
 - Campus Master Plan 2025 Update was discussed, including updates to the temporary building policy. The committee requested that facilities provide a yearly report with an accurate inventory of all temporary buildings on campus as well as suggested dates of removal for all temporary buildings.
 - There was some discussion about provisions relating to tree removal at satellite properties, which was referred to the Lakes, Vegetation, and Landscaping Committee for consideration.
- **Sustainability Committee (J)** – Tara Tobin Cataldo
 - Tara Tobin Cataldo was unable to attend the meeting but reported by email that the majority of the first meeting was taken up with a presentation from Linda Dixon on the Campus Master Plan. Two task forces are being formed to address immediate issues. One task force will be making recommendations to the Campus Master Plan Steering Committee on adding/editing sustainability principles to the Campus Master Plan 2025. The other task force will work with the Office of Sustainability on addressing gaps such as curriculum tracking in the next STARS report (due in February 2015). STARS is the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System that measures colleges and universities sustainability performance.
- **University Libraries Committee (S)** – David Oppenheimer
 - There continues to be discussion about funding of journal subscriptions relative to available budget funds. Journal subscription costs are increasing rapidly.
- **Faculty IT Subcommittee** – Fedro Zazueta
 - A review of the architecture of UF Information Technology systems has been initiated. The aim of the review is to eliminate downtime as well as difficulties with authentication. The project

will involve creation of a redundant infrastructure, which will have high cost implications. The recommendations of the technical committee should be ready within one month.

- Additional training for the new Canvas course management system is being arranged. There is more faculty interest in deeper skills, rubric creation, and in-depth training. The new training sessions will begin in about two weeks.

New Business

- Reports prepared by Walker Parking and Morgan Stanley include proprietary information that prohibit their release and detailed discussion. This is a concern. There is a need for more transparency to allow Senate involvement in shared governance.
- Similar concerns were raised about companies teaching classes for freshman through Pathways program. Agreements preclude UF faculty involvement.
- There were expectations that parking privatization at UF might yield \$280M in revenue. Consultants have indicated that this amount may be much lower, closer to \$110M. This is believed to be part of why parking privatization has been deferred for now.
- UF improvements in lighting of parking facilities have saved \$35,000 in one garage through reduced energy costs.
- UF parking decal prices did not increase in 2014-15.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. with the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 18.