

**Infrastructure Council Minutes (DRAFT)**  
**September 25, 2014 3pm – 5pm**  
**ARCH 331**

Present: Fedro Zazueta, Dimitri Bourilkov, Ann Wehmeyer, Caroline Wiltshire, Hans van Oostrom, Patrick Reakes, David Oppenheimer, Megan Forbes, Pradeep Kumar, Joe Aufmuth, Gail Hansen, Bradley Walters, Sue Alvers and Andrew Giacini.

The meeting was called to order by Bradley Walters at 3:04 p.m., introductions were made and minutes from May were approved with revisions.

### **Reporting Committees**

Pradeep Kumar, Chair of Faculty Senate, introduced himself and thanked the members for participating on the council.

Bradley distributed a document about the [roles and responsibilities of the council](#) along with its relationships with other committees. Many of the committee chairs are members of the Infrastructure Council. It was noted that two of the committees – Sustainability and Parking & Transportation - do not have chairs at the moment. Hans van Oostrom asked if any committee is reviewing space utilization at the university. He suggested that if no other committee is looking at classroom utilization, Infrastructure Council might want to add this as a future agenda item.

Contributing Committees:

- **Steering Committee – Bradley Walters**

- The University budget discussion has been in the press already.
- The Presidential search is continuing.
- [SERU Report](#) was presented and he asked members to note the information about student facility needs.
- Parking Privatization was discussed at the September Board of Trustee meeting. As of right now, parking privatization is off the table this year. However, the chair of the Faculty Senate charged Infrastructure Council to investigate and draw some recommendations on this issue. Bradley distributed information that he found researching [parking privatization](#). Dr. Kumar is concerned about the increase in the cost of decals and the disproportionately large impacts on UF employees making only \$30,000 per year. After Ohio State changed their parking to privatization, we hear that the decals increased to \$800/ yr. Why do we need a private company when UF can handle parking? Dr. Kumar asked the council to give some feedback to the Senate in Spring 2015.

- **[Lakes, Vegetation and Landscaping Committee](#) – Gail Hansen**

- The committee is concerned about how to replace the university's urban forest. Many of trees are old and are dangerous to campus residents. The members recommended that the University hire an arborist.
- Approved new clinical facility for ENT & Ophthalmology (UF591) that will be located on 34<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Approved the Engineering Innovation NEXUS Building (UF461) and the Reitz Lawn Master Plan
- Approved the UF Electrical Substation No. 10 Tree Removal

- One of the sororities need some of its trees cut down immediately. One of the large trees had a branch crash onto a tent during rush. Luckily no one was in the tent at the time.
- **Preservation of Historic Buildings and Sites** – Joe Authmuth
  - At the May meeting, the committee approved the O’Connell Center Addition and the Library West Colonnade Replacement
  - In June was the Student Life Building and Engineering Project.
- **Land Use and Facilities Planning** – Megan Forbes
  - Approved the same as previous committee reports – the O’Connell Center Addition, Library West Colonnade, and Student Life Building.
  - Approved the temporary Panama Canal Mural (CSE) project
  - Gail Hansen noted that there is discussion as to what to do about approving public art.
- **University Libraries Committee** – David Oppenheimer
  - There is concern about how the library is funded through RCM. Publishing houses now have policies that libraries must purchase periodical bundles instead of al a carte. This puts libraries in a difficult situation.
  - The ULC wants to re-open the open access policy discussion.
- **Faculty IT Subcommittee** – Fedro Zazueta
  - University has plans to move to cloud services when possible.
  - Have had increased registration in online courses from 10,000 to 14,000.
  - IT will soon convert completely from Sakai to Canvas.
  - In 2012 UF had an online course production capacity of 45 courses per year. Now the university has 180 high quality online courses. Plans are to invest in instructional design.
  - Classroom upgrades are continuing.
  - High performance computing is now live. In the last three to four years, grants have increased from \$55M to \$339M.
  - In 2011 we received 21,800 threats to the information system. In 2013 it was 80,000.
  - The university receives about 1-2 billion emails per month. Ninety-four percent of that is spam with 6% of the spam getting through to users email accounts.
  - Demand for mediasite usage has increased from 486,000 views in 2012 to 1,039,000 in 2013.
  - IT is close to finalizing its Strategic Plan.

The meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m. with the next meeting scheduled for October 23.