

INFRASTRUCTURE COUNCIL 2014-15

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ROLES + RESPONSIBILITIES

The following five Senate Policy Councils are charged with making policy recommendations and facilitating faculty participation in shared governance in their assigned areas:

- Academic Policy Council
- Budget Council
- Infrastructure Council
- Research and Scholarship Council
- Welfare Council

Infrastructure Council Responsibilities:

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.

Infrastructure Council Mission Statement (2010-11):

To establish policies and procedures for academic infrastructure and support in cooperation with the President of the University and the Faculty Senate. This includes coordinating the work of operation committees that contribute to the physical framework of the campus community. Our goal is to achieve standards of excellence for the interdependent network of facilities and services essential to a top-tier public research university.

Relationships to Other Committees:

SENATE STEERING COMMITTEE: (S)

- Responsibilities: The Steering Committee shall determine the agenda for each meeting of the Senate. It shall provide for reporting to the Senate by administrative officers, by the chair(s) of councils and committees, and by individuals. It coordinates, reviews, and refers actions and proposals from Senate and Joint Committees and from the Administration. The Steering Committee also refers matters to the Senate Policy Councils and accepts reports and recommendations from the Senate Policy Councils and committees for Senate action. Where appropriate, the Steering Committee can direct a matter to the combined attention of two or more Senate Policy Councils.

CONTRIBUTING COMMITTEES:

- Lakes, Vegetation, and Landscaping Committee (J)
- Preservation of Historic Buildings and Sites Committee (J)
- Parking and Transportation Committee (J)
- Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee (J)
- Sustainability Committee (J)
- University Libraries Committee (S)

SPECIAL UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE:

- Faculty IT Subcommittee – Joint subcommittee, reporting to Academic Policy Council, Infrastructure Council, and Welfare Council

Key:

(S) = Senate Committee

(J) = Joint Committees

CONTRIBUTING COMMITTEES:

- Lakes, Vegetation, and Landscape Committee: (J)

- <http://www.facilities.ufl.edu/projects/committees/lvl.php>

- Senate Bylaws 20.A.2.b.6. Lakes, Vegetation and Landscape Committee. The Lakes Vegetation and Landscape Committee consists of six faculty members, three appointed by the President or the President's designee and three elected by the Senate from the faculty at large, plus one student member. The Chair is elected.

This Committee is responsible for items that affect the use of University lakes, including guidelines for use of such lakes in order to preserve their ecological integrity and research capabilities, and the management and well-being of natural areas containing non-domesticated plants and animals. It provides recommendations concerning enforcement of policies regarding the removal of trees and other vegetation. It provides input to the University Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee regarding planning of major landscape elements such as green space, open space, and significant architectural features to ensure their compatibility with existing and planned landscaping and master planning. It provides recommendations to the Vice President for Finance and Administration about construction on campus, specifically concerning: programming, including general site suitability having an impact on trees, landscape, natural areas and lakes; schematic design, including tree removal, plans for transplants, replacements and/or mitigation based on building footprint, utility corridors and other construction activities; and design development including new landscaping, appropriateness and inclusion of any mitigation for tree removal.

- Responsibilities: (<http://www.facilities.ufl.edu/projects/committees/index.php>)

- A) Items that affect the use of University lakes, including guidelines for use of such lakes in order to preserve their ecological integrity and research capabilities.
- B) Management and well-being of natural areas containing non-domesticated plants and animals.
- C) Policies regarding the removal of trees and other vegetation.
- D) Provide input to the University Land Use and Facility Planning Board regarding planning of major landscape elements such as green space, open space, and significant architectural features to ensure their compatibility with existing and planned landscaping and master planning.

- Preservation of Historic Buildings and Sites Committee: (J)

- <http://www.facilities.ufl.edu/projects/committees/phpb.php>

- Senate Bylaws 20.A.2.b.9. Preservation of Historic Buildings & Sites Committee. The Preservation of Historic Buildings and Sites Committee consists of fourteen faculty members, five appointed by the President or his/her designee the University Historian and the Director of Preservation Programs as voting ex-officio members, and seven elected by the Senate from the faculty at large, plus two student members. The Chair is elected. The committee is assisted in its efforts by four university liaisons, the Assistant Director of Architecture and Engineering in the Physical Plant Division, the Director of Facilities Planning and Construction, the Assistant Director for Planning, and the Assistant Housing Director for Facilities Management.

This committee assists the University in implementing its Policy on Historic Preservation, filed with the Florida Secretary of State, as a Programmatic Memorandum of Agreement for Protection of Historical Resources. In support of this Memorandum, it assists the University in fulfilling federal and state obligations with respect to its historic and archeological resources. It reports to the Vice President for Finance and Administration the significant findings on all matters considered by the Committee.

- Responsibilities: (<http://www.facilities.ufl.edu/projects/committees/index.php>)

- A) Assist the University in implementing its Policy on Historic Preservation.
- B) Assist the University in fulfilling federal and state obligations with respect to its historic and archeological resources.
- C) Report to the Vice President for Business Affairs the significant findings and all matters considered by the Committee.

- Parking and Transportation Committee: (J)

- <http://fora.ua.ufl.edu/University/JointCommittees/Parking-And-Transportation-Committee>

- Senate Bylaws 20.A.2.b.8. Parking & Transportation Committee. The Parking & Transportation Committee consists of 14 faculty members, seven appointed by the President or the President's designee and seven elected by the Senate from the faculty at large, plus five student members. The Chair is elected.

This committee reviews and recommends rules and regulations of a non-financial nature governing traffic, parking and registration of vehicles, bicycles, scooters and motorcycles and public transportation to and on the campus. It reviews and recommends programs to meet and enhance the parking and transportation on the campus. It reviews and recommends site locations for new parking facilities and parking lot enhancements on the campus. It reviews and recommends special parking requests from University departments, students, staff and faculty. It reviews and recommends any significant findings regarding all parking and transportation matters. It reports to the Vice President for Finance and Administration the significant findings of the Committee regarding all parking and transportation matters considered by the Committee.

- Responsibilities: (<http://www.facilities.ufl.edu/projects/committees/index.php>)

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- B) Review and recommend programs to meet and enhance the parking and transportation on the campus.
- C) Review and recommend site locations for new parking facilities on the campus.
- D) Review and recommend existing parking lot enhancements on the campus.
- E) Review and recommend special parking requests from University departments, students, staff and faculty.
- F) Review and recommend any significant findings regarding all parking and transportation matters.
- G) Report to the Vice President for Business Affairs the significant findings of the Committee regarding all parking and transportation matters considered by the Committee.

- Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee: (J)

- <http://www.facilities.ufl.edu/projects/committees/lufp.php>

- Senate Bylaws 20.A.2.b.7. Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee. The Land Use and Facilities Planning (LUF) Committee consists of 20 faculty members, ten appointed by the President or his/her designee and ten elected by the Senate from the faculty at large, plus three student members. The Chair is elected.

In conjunction with the Lakes Vegetation and Landscaping Committee, the Preservation of Historic Buildings and Sites Committee, and the Parking and Transportation Committee, this committee will be responsible for providing recommendations on the overall appearance and development of the campus to the Vice President of Finance and Administration. This committee shall also provide recommendations regarding the enforcement of the University of Florida Master Plan policies and guidelines. Its responsibilities are to participate in the development and updating of the University of Florida Master Plan, to recommend policies for land use and facilities development, and to review and recommend approval/denial of all requests for land use changes. The committee will monitor the execution of the University of Florida Master Plan by reviewing and recommending approval/denial of all project sites during the Programming and Schematic Design phases; review and recommend approval/denial of architectural design of buildings and landscaping, building additions/renovations, and utility projects during the design development phase; provide input on minor projects (\$1 M and less) that impact the footprint building exterior of potential historic building's interior; and assist in upholding the policies, procedures and standards set by the University of Florida Master Plan. The committee will work with other committees referenced above in an integrated and holistic approach to campus planning and development.

- Responsibilities: (<http://www.facilities.ufl.edu/projects/committees/index.php>)

- A) Participate in the development and updating of the Master Plan
- B) Monitor the execution of the Master Plan
- C) Recommend policies for land use and facility development

- Sustainability Committee: (J)
 - <http://fora.aa.ufl.edu/University/JointCommittees/Sustainability-Committee>
 - Senate Bylaws 20.A.2.b.12. Sustainability Committee. The Sustainability Committee is an advisory body to encourage application of sustainability principles in all university policies, practices and operations. The Sustainability Committee consists of nineteen members, including eight faculty members elected by the Senate from the faculty at large, seven faculty or staff appointed by the President's designee, and two student members selected by the student government. The director of the Office of Sustainability and an academic officer appointed by the provost serve as nonvoting ex officio members. The Chair is elected by the committee.

Sustainability is defined as meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to provide for themselves. Sustainability embraces three interdependent areas of concern: environmental preservation, economic viability, and social justice. A sustainable practice preserves rather than destroys its ecological base, ensures rather than undermines long-term economic benefits, and advances rather than retards matters of equity and diversity. The Sustainability Committee also promotes sustainability within the University and in the University's relations with the larger community and seeks to enhance the University's standing as a global leader in sustainability. It assesses the progress of the University of Florida's sustainability efforts as compared to national and international best practices and pursues their implementation when appropriate. It aids in the development of policy with the Office of Sustainability and participates in the annual evaluations of that Office, its director and academic officer.

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- University Libraries Committee: (S)
 - <http://fora.aa.ufl.edu/facultysenate/Committees/University-Libraries-Committee>
 - Responsibilities: The Committee shall assist the Dean of University Libraries in maintaining and promoting the welfare of the University Libraries. It shall meet with the Dean of the University Libraries to review and formulate library policies to serve the needs and concerns of the faculty and students. It shall also serve as an advocate for the University Libraries to the University community. The Committee shall advise the Faculty Senate about the state of the Libraries and the Committee's position on policy matters affecting the Libraries. The Committee shall forward an annual report to the Faculty Senate and the University Administration, and provide other reports whenever advisable.

SPECIAL UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE:

- Faculty IT Subcommittee
 - <http://fora.aa.ufl.edu/FacultySenate/SpecialCommittees/Faculty-IT-Subcommittee>
 - This is a subcommittee for three councils: Academic Policy Council, Infrastructure Council and Welfare Council. There are faculty representatives from each of the colleges. The purpose of this subcommittee is to advise the CIO.

University of Florida Board of Trustees
Committee on Finance and Facilities

COMMITTEE MINUTES (excerpt)

June 5, 2014

<http://trustees.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/September-4-5-2014-Board-Materials-Public.pdf>

5.5 Parking Monetization project update

Vice President [Matt] Fajack told the committee that the University has engaged Morgan Stanley as financial advisors and Walker Parking as technical advisors for the initiative to explore possible privatization of UF parking facilities. He noted that the University has made a significant investment in its facilities and monetization may be the only way to get a return on that investment. Morgan Stanley will spend the summer "asking the tough questions" about what can/should be part of a RFP if the project goes forward. A valuation and recommendations will be brought to the September board meeting for a go/no go decision.

Stacie Selinger from Morgan Stanley walked the committee through some of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges involved in the project. Trustee [David M.] Thomas asked why there was no discussion about safety and Mr. Fajack said that is one of the issues that will have to be addressed.

The big question that he says the University needs to address is how the University would use funds generated from privatization. Ideas might be addressing deferred maintenance, scholarships, stipends and endowments. The legal procedure for privatizing parking is still being explored but there is a feeling that it could probably be accomplished with approval by the Board of Trustees, much like privatization of the bookstore and dining services was done.

Trustee [Dr. Stephen M.] Scott noted that this plan might be an opportunity to involve the City of Gainesville on a discussion of parking needs.