

To: Paul Davenport, Chair, University of Florida Faculty Senate

From: Bradley Walters, Chair and Patrick Reakes, Vice Chair, Infrastructure Council

Re: End-of-Year Report

**Every Meeting: Regular reports of Contributing Committees:**

Senate Steering Committee (S) Bradley Walters

University Libraries Committee (S) Melissa Johnson

Lakes, Vegetation, and Landscaping Committee (J) Gail Hansen

Preservation of Historic Buildings and Sites Committee (J) Morris Hylton

Parking and Transportation Committee (J) Ray Thomas

Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee (J) Megan Forbes

Sustainability Committee (J) Mark Robinson

Student Senate Report- David Bell

Reporting of Ex Officio Member representing UF Information Technology

**Initial discussion topics considered for 2015-2016:**

-Faculty Club design

-What is considered a quorum in a joint committee?

-Is there a system for projects to flow through different committees?

**Topics discussed and/or action taken:**

**Music Building:**

Put forward resolution supporting new Music Center to replace current Music building

(<http://fora.aa.ufl.edu/docs/75//2015-2016//Resolution%20in%20Favor%20of%20a%20New%20Music%20Building%28Rev%201.3%29-SdS-RGT.pdf>)

Resolution supported by Infrastructure Council and Welfare Council, but with concerns about prioritizing this building above other infrastructure needs on campus. Brought to Senate Chair via Senate Steering Committee, but not brought to full Senate due to those concerns.

**UF Goal Setting**

Discussion of the UF goals and how they relate to the Infrastructure Council. Identified Goal #7 as the only real direct relevance to the role of the group.

Goal 7: A physical infrastructure and efficient administration and support structure that enable preeminence.

Objective 1. A campus with updated facilities, including modern research laboratories, classrooms to support state-of-the-art teaching and learning, contemporary residence halls, and high-quality technology infrastructure.

Objective 2. An efficient and effective administration that provides superior business services to the campus community, proactively streamlines processes to minimize burden and redundancy, incentivizes excellence through budget appropriations, and attracts and retains talented staff through ongoing professional development opportunities and competitive compensation.

Objective 3. An attractive, sustainable and safe, campus that offers a high quality of life to faculty, staff, students, alumni and the community, making UF a desirable place to visit, live, work and play.

### **Strategic Development Plan**

Met with Elkus Manfredi representatives regarding the process of envisioning UF's "future as a preeminent university in a preeminent community." The group provided stakeholder feedback in a special meeting dedicated to strategic development topics.

### **Online Training Issues**

Issue brought up by a faculty member regarding the problems with the design and implementation of online training for faculty. The complaint was reviewed by SCORS and passed along to Infrastructure by Paul Davenport since they felt it was a more appropriate group. (<http://fora.aa.ufl.edu/docs/75/2015-2016/Document1.pdf>)

Initial discussion indicated that the general consensus of the Infrastructure Council was that it fit more closely with the charge of Welfare Council, although that needs additional discussion and a final decision wasn't made at the April meeting. It was noted by Sue Alvers that Infrastructure had looked at this issue four or five years ago and had Jodi Gentry and Susan Blair meet with the Council at that time.

NOTE: This is really the only agenda item that needs to be carried over to next year with action expected as per Paul Davenport's request.