

**Infrastructure Council Minutes**  
**September 17, 2015 2 pm – 4 pm**  
**ARCH 231**

Present: David Bell, Sue Alvers, Ann Wehmeyer, Melissa Johnson, Mark Robinson, Mark McCallister, Silvio dos Santos, Megan Forbes, Ray Thomas, Paul Davenport, and Bradley Walters

The meeting was called to order by Bradley Walters at 2:00 p.m. After introductions, the April 2015 minutes were approved.

Paul Davenport, Chair of Senate, thanked the members for agreeing to participate in shared governance by sitting on the Infrastructure Council.

### **Contributing Committee Reports**

- **Senate Steering Committee (S)** – Bradley Walters
  - The Board of Trustees gave Paul Davenport to have a Faculty Club plan completed by the December BOT meeting. At the September meeting, the BOT approved the name change of the former President’s House to University House.
    - The Board of Trustees asked Paul Davenport to have a plan for a Faculty Club in the University House (former President’s House) by the December 3 meeting.
    - The Welfare Council discussed and researched a Faculty Club for a while.
    - The BOT plans to renovate University House into a conference center and offered to use space for the Faculty Club.
    - Infrastructure Council members were asked to send faculty club amenity ideas to Bradley or Paul Davenport.
    - A small committee was created to start working on this project, but more faculty will be involved throughout the process.
    - One suggestion is to have a main club with satellite areas around campus.
  - President and Provost explained that they took \$1M recurrent funds to raise the minimum wage to \$12/hr. There were 454 fulltime employees making less than \$12/hr. Of the 454, 286 were custodians, 10 senior custodians, 44 were child development teachers and 23 were groundskeepers. If the university had increased the minimum pay to \$12.50/hr it would cost an extra \$600,000
  - The President plans to talk about Academic Freedom at the State of the University Address.
  - University of Florida’s new website is scheduled to come online in mid-October.
- **Lakes, Vegetation, and Landscaping Committee (J)** – Gail Hansen (via email)
  - Only item of significance for the LVL Committee was the Nexus Building and the removal of 5 heritage trees (including ‘Bert’). Thirty-five trees will be removed for the project and contrary to the article in the Gainesville Sun the mitigation agreement has not been decided.
- **Parking and Transportation (J)** – Ray Thomas
  - Approved using bicycle parking area for scooter parking at sororities.
  - Student government has asked for a new parking plan for students visiting the SW Recreation Center on Hull Road. Maybe a voucher system?

- **Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee (J)** – Megan Forbes
  - Approved
    - sorority expansions.
    - continued display of the Panama mural
    - designs for Newell Hall
    - Nexus Building
    - The Ophthalmology Building
    - Master Plan
  - Silvio dos Santos express concern about the maintenance of the Music Building. Ray Thomas mentioned that Charles Lane, COO, plans to set up a committee to tackle this issue.
  - David Bell, student representative, mentioned that student government passed a resolution in the spring about the music building.
  
- **Sustainability Committee (J)** – Mark Robinson
  - No formal report
  
- **University Libraries email report (J)** – Melissa Johnson
  - Submitted the legislative budget request with the Board of Governors in January for funding
  - Marston Library is now open 24/5
    - Security cameras have been installed in the Library
    - Had an increase of 27% in student traffic
    - Renovating the second floor has helped to increase traffic

### **Discussion Topics for 2015-2016**

- Faculty Club design
- What is considered a quorum in a joint committee? Constitution Committee has this on the agenda.
- Is there a system for projects to flow through different committees? Megan Forbes mentioned that a project is to be submitted to Land Use Committee last.
- Next meeting is October 8

The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.