

Infrastructure Council Minutes
March 27, 2017 - 3 p.m.
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Present: Ann Wehmeyer, Megan Forbes, Michael Dark, Angela Bacsik, Ray Thomas, Fedro Zazueta, Melody Royster, Daniel Estrada, Gail Hansen, Caroline Wiltshire, David Looney

The meeting was called to order by Ann Wehmeyer at 3:03 p.m. The February minutes were approved with corrections.

Contributing Committee Reports

- **Senate Meeting (S) – Ann Wehmeyer**
 - Ann Wehmeyer reported that she summarized the Infrastructure Council’s work thus far on the space reservations for academic events issue at the Steering Committee, and requested input from the Steering Committee on how best to address availability and planning roadblocks.
 - Wehmeyer outlined a new item presented by President Fuchs on state initiatives to probe relations between the BOG, BOT, and boards of direct service organizations that UF is involved with. The focus is on bonded, capital projects with leases or budgets exceeding \$10 M.

- **University Libraries Committee - Angela Bacsik**
 - Angela Bacsik reported on the state of expenditures in support of open source publication. \$125,000 was allocated for the year, \$45K has been committed, and \$15K spent. One problem to be resolved is how to support individuals who will be publishing later in the year.
 - Bacsik also reported on the collapse of funding for the new SUS storage facility in Gainesville. The funding model relied on contributions from all participating facilities, to total \$9 M. As only \$6 M was contributed, the state withdrew its commitment of \$9M, and a different funding method must be sought.
 - Bacsik will present the [draft resolution and information on ORCID](#) at the next meeting of the IC for a vote of endorsement, prior to bringing the resolution to the Faculty Senate in the next AY.

- **Lakes, Vegetation, and Landscaping Committee – Gail Hansen**
 - Committee has not met since last Infrastructure Council meeting
 - Some members have been invited to participate in a university planning task force

- **Parking and Transportation (J) – Ray Thomas**
 - Concerns about sorority parking (backing out over curbs) were raised with campus authorities.
 - Parking decals for faculty and staff will increase about 7% for 2017-2018. Student decal prices, however, will remain the same. Thomas raised the issue of the decal price increase with Faculty Senate Chair Nicole Stedman. Thomas also had a conversation with Curtis Reynolds, Vice President, Business Affairs, in which Thomas revisited the idea of monetizing gameday parking, and other scenarios that might enhance participation in funding parking on the part of all stakeholders, and not just faculty.
 - Parking garage planned for the parking lot across from the Welcome Center may be revisited due to concerns about congestion.

- **Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee (J)** – Megan Forbes
 - The Committee responded to representatives of the City of Gainesville with respect to the ongoing renovations of the Institute of Black Culture and La Casita. The City wanted zero setback and more glass on the ground floor in order to align with the Gainesville plan for future development; zero setback will not be possible due to the need for courtyards at the two sites.

- **Sustainability Committee**
 - David Looney alerted the Council to the April 12 Earth Day Celebration, sponsored by the Office of Sustainability, starting at 10 am, <http://sustainable.ufl.edu/news-events/events/campus-earth-day-celebration/>.
 - The Committee is working to create a policy on recycled paper. There is a concern that a move to 100% recycled paper may result in forests being harvested for other purposes that violate sustainability practices.

- **Faculty IT Committee (S)** – Michael Dark
 - Michael Dark reported on the Committee’s review of the Academic Analytics collaboration tool. They found it to be an easily manageable visualization tool that mines databases and attempts to bring faculty together for research collaboration. Some institutions use it as an external tool, and some as an internal tool. Dark explained that there has been no discussion yet about using it as a productivity assessment tool.
 - Gail Hansen observed that there is a great need for a tool to assist faculty in the preparation of tenure and promotion packets.
 - Angela Bacsik pointed out that ORCID could be used to populate T&P packets, as well as department or faculty web pages.
 - The Committee also looked at “Union,” an open coursework platform that allows faculty to deposit course materials. The Committee recommends that faculty take a look and see what they think.
 - The Committee also addressed the issue of the current status of Turn-It-In, and expectations on continued use.
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- **IT Administrative Liaison -- Fedro Zazueta, Associate CIO and Professor; Director, Academic Technology**
 - A question posed by Ray Thomas about the recent removal from the public domain of thousands of courses offered by another state system prompted an overview of UF’s efforts to anticipate changes in the way institutions must respond to ADA requirements.
 - There is a move toward providing total accessibility of electronic information technology, rather than accommodations on a case-by-case basis.
 - UF is in the process of developing policies for external-facing webpages, PDFs (verbalization), and video (captioning). A university-level committee will be charged with outlining EIT governance.
 - IT is currently working on a web crawler tool that will identify pages that aren’t compliant, and issue recommendations. Similarly, a tool for Canvas that will enable faculty to check their course materials is under development.
 - IT plans to issue many guidelines concerning compliance in the near future.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.