

Infrastructure Council Minutes
October 24, 2016, 3:00 p.m.
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Present: Angela Bacsik, Ray Thomas, Daniel Estrada, David Looney, Mark Robinson, Mark McCallister (for Fedro Zazueta), Caroline Wiltshire, Ann Wehmeyer

The meeting was called to order by Ann Wehmeyer at 3:00 p.m. The Minutes of the September 26 Meeting were amended and approved.

Discussion of “Draft Recommendations for Required Online Training Programs”

The draft recommendations were discussed and fine-tuned. Several additional recommendations were proposed, and it was agreed to consider the revised document at the next meeting on November 28th. (Attached) Upon approval of the final document, it will be circulated to the Welfare Council in the interests of submitting a joint recommendation.

Good Spaces: a) consideration of a best practices room reservations departmental webpage, and b) EMS tool for space allocation

This issue relates to the goal of facilitating faculty planning of events that range from conferences and workshops to lectures by having a central website devoted to room reservations, much like the “classroom information and photos” site found in Classroom Support. Currently, there is no such resource. At the September meeting, Mark Robinson mentioned that Systems Enterprise has an EMS (Event Management Systems) space allocation tool that some Colleges and Departments already use, and that this tool may be expanded in the future for use by additional entities throughout the university. In order to learn more about this tool and the future plans for it, Ann Wehmeyer invited David Gruber, Associate CIO and Senior Director, Enterprise Systems, to attend the November 28th meeting of the Council. At that time, we plan to ask the following questions of David Gruber:

- a. Who may use it?
- b. Is it free, or must units pay to use it?
- c. Are there plans to expand its availability to all units on campus?
- d. How does one opt in?
- e. How does it work?

Mark Robinson and David Looney pointed out that the EMS tool is part of the new Compass Project at UF (<https://compass.ufl.edu/>). At present, Reitz Union, the Law School, Health Sciences, and Business are using the EMS tool. Mark and David observed that we should be able to explain what needs we might have that the tool planners have not yet anticipated.

Contributing Committee Reports

- **Senate Meeting (S) – Ann Wehmeyer**
 - President Fuchs and Provost Glover were unable to attend due to preparations for closure of the university in anticipation of hurricane Hermine
 - Nicole Stedman noted that higher administration has incorporated faculty input into considerations of university closing. In this regard, Ray Thomas noted that the staggered closing (3 pm classes end, 5 pm university shuts down) resulted from input from the

Parking and Transportation Committee, so as to facilitate orderly departure from the campus

- Jodi Gentry previewed her report on postdoc salaries, followed by discussions of the implications for funded research

- **Faculty IT Committee (S)** – Mark McCallister
 - Currently considering different models for video conferencing

- **University Libraries Committee (S)** – Angela Bacsik
 - The Libraries anticipate reopening the Open Access Fund with the infusion of new monies, to be available by January 2017. Up to 2K per author may be available, but only for those who have no other support
 - The Assessment Librarian is putting together usability testing for software (its interface with the user repository)
 - Donors for the Colonnade have stepped forward

- **Lakes, Vegetation, and Landscaping Committee (J)** – Gail Hansen (via email)
 - We approved the construction of a new farm building (storage shed and work room) at the community gardens by the Bat House. The gardens are managed through the Field to Fork, food pantry program.

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

- **Parking and Transportation (J)** – Ray Thomas
 - Ray Thomas presented report for this committee and Land Use and Facilities Planning jointly, since he chaired the latter while Megan Forbes was away
 - Concern was expressed regarding the narrow space (115') that will separate Reitz Union from the new Herbert Wertheim Laboratory (see next item)
 - The new activity in this part of campus (new academic building, McCarty Parking Garage, Herbert Wertheim Laboratory) will generate a lot of traffic and could be a future area of planning concern

- **Land Use and Facilities Planning (J)** – Megan Forbes (via email), Ray Thomas
 - Major Projects
 - UF 608 McCarty Parking Garage (Site Selection) – approved
 - UF 620 IFAS Bee Facility (Site Selection) – approved
 - UF 461 – Herbert Wertheim Laboratory, AKA the NEXUS building (Design Development Phase) – approved
 - Minor Projects
 - Master Plan Amendments to match above mentioned Parking Garage site

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.