

Infrastructure Council Minutes

April 12, 2018 1:30 p.m. Pugh 150

Present: Gail Hansen, John Duncan, Angela Bacsik, Laurie Bialosky, Ann Wehmeyer, and Carlos Dognac

1. **Call to Order** - Ann Wehmeyer

The meeting was called to order by Council Chair Ann Wehmeyer at 1:30 p.m.

2. **Approval of [February Minutes](#)**

The minutes were approved.

3. The **[Draft](#) for language on allowing OPS workers** opportunities to make up any hours missed during an unexpected closure of the university to be included in the listservs used for time-approvers who receive or send biweekly time reporting notices and email reminders.

Council approved a draft of language on allowing OPS workers opportunities to make up any hours missed during an unexpected closure of the university to be included in the listserv messages sent to time-approvers was approved. The draft had previously been circulated to VP Gentry for comments, and she had already signaled her approval.

The [UF public service message which was distributed by Human Resource Services to the Infogator listserv following Hurricane Irma](#) was used as a model for Chair Wehmeyer's draft. The UF Human Resource Services Infogator email didn't specifically address the OPS issue but talks about a closure due to a major event or major natural disaster. The council's goal is to help alert and remind approvers that employees can make up the time within the two week pay period when time was missed.

Council approved this verbiage. The language will be sent to VP Gentry with the recommendation that it be included in such future emails and notices.

4. **Discussion of January 4, 2018 presentation by VP Tom Mitchell**, Advancement, and Karen Rice, COO, Associate VP, UF Foundation, on the "Idea Center" proposed project, and the possibility of incorporating a "faculty club" into the plans. See [report](#) submitted by former Chair of the Faculty Senate, Paul Davenport, on November 18, 2015, titled "University of Florida Faculty Club at University House Status Report to Welfare Council" for previous discussions on ideal specs for such a club or facility.

The Council discussed a presentation given January 4, 2018 by VP Tom Mitchell, Advancement, and Karen Rice, COO, Associate VP, UF Foundation, on the "Idea Center" proposed project, and the possibility of incorporating a "faculty club" into the plans. Architectural plans for a two-building complex to replace the current UF Foundation building have been drafted and are currently a target of fund raising. The two buildings are an Idea Center, and Mixed Use Building which will have parking on the first two levels, and offices on a third level.

- a. The Council was asked to consider whether the first floor of the Idea Center could work as a UF faculty club.

- b. Here is what is currently envisioned for the Idea Center. The first floor will have open offices, and break areas with lounge seating. There will be a “Hoteling” office, to assign work spaces. There will be a walk-in Café for stand-up drinks consumption, and possible seating in break areas. An “Academy of Leadership Center” will stand near the building entrance and there will also be a wall of honor featuring members in national academies.
 - i. The 2nd floor is an event space, with conference and meeting spaces. These will include an Idea laboratory with small table seating, and a projector wall.
 - ii. The third floor will house Advancement offices.
 - c. The Council did not find any of the space that is currently envisioned for the first floor of the Idea Center to be suitable as a UF Faculty Club, for the following reasons.
 - i. There is a lack of privacy. The nature of the entire space is such that it is walk-through, and no one owns it.
 - ii. The space is too free-flowing, and not conducive to facilitating and fostering the kinds of relaxed interdisciplinary cross-fertilization encounters that faculty desire for such a space.
 - iii. Faculty want a space to take job candidates and guest lecturers for lunch. This is not such a space. Faculty want something more than a “grab-and-go” take-out space.
 - d. The Council recommended the following be considered instead, in order of desirability;
 - i. An enclosed space within the Idea Center that is something more than a Starbucks-type stand and drink coffee shop
 - ii. Re-purposing the Arredondo room in the Reitz Union. It is a central location that is already being used for job candidates, and guests to campus, but at present has a cafeteria atmosphere. Repurpose to a more refined venue.
 - iii. Can the possibility of the University House be revisited?
 - iv. The third floor of the Mixed Use Building, next to the Idea Center, might be an option. Some members felt that noise from the garage would make this site less desirable.
- 5. **Final meeting of the year** is tentatively scheduled for May 17, 1:30-3:00 pm, as needed. VP Curtis Reynolds has agreed to attend and present on prioritization in deferred maintenance in May. However, many council members are not on campus in May so it was decided to defer VP Reynolds’ invitation to address the issue of deferred maintenance, and priorities for repairs following disasters, until the fall.

Chair Wehmeyer shared feedback from Mark Helms, Assistant VP of Facilities Services, regarding infrastructure issues in the dental tower, including:

 - An indoor air quality test was conducted and the interior of the floors affected by Hurricane Irma flooding was healthy.
 - Proposals are currently being entertained to address ongoing exterior and interior issues within the entire building. Facilities Services is considering many proposals, including eco efficiency, to make the kinds of repairs that would be necessary to resolve all of the problems.
 - The building’s exterior has problems with the expansions joints on the outside. Minimum amount required is \$1 million to repair.

- Helms has offered to do a building walk-through to review any damage/repairs/plans for the future with interested faculty members.
- Council will relay any further issues to Facilities Services.

6. Reporting of Contributing Committees:

- **Steering Committee (S)** – Ann Wehmeyer
 - The Steering Committee endorsed the OPS resolution put forward by council. It was originally presented as resolution by faculty member Paul Ortiz and, with modifications by council, it then moved forward. It was an information item at the March Senate and will move forward as an action item for the April Faculty Senate.
 - VP of Research Dr. David Norton will be address Senate regarding the issue surrounding fines for late grant submissions.
- **University Libraries Committee (S)** – Angela Bacsik
 - In an effort to help regulate the spending of the open access publishing fund, the committee has changed the amount available to individuals. It is effective immediately and is now published on the [Open Access website](#). The open access journal amount has been altered and hybrid journals is unchanged. Last year was the first year the fund had money and it will continued to be monitored.
- **Lakes, Vegetation, and Landscaping Committee (J)** -- Gail Hansen
 - In this morning's meeting, the committee provided site approval for the Data Science and Information Technology Building located across from the Reitz Union. The Parking and Transportation Committee had recommended that construction be on hold until the new parking garage is open. Tree removal will try to be minimized and greenspace for possible new landscape and trees maximized. The building will be possibly five stories high and will likely be a signature building.
 - The committee approved the Vet Med Energy Plant project.
 - The softball facility has been approved and approximately 60 trees will be removed. The committee met with the landscape architecture and as part of the new baseball stadium complex, some reconfiguring of Hull road will eventually be done.
 - The PK Younge entry drive is being improved and 19 very small trees will be removed.
- **Parking and Transportation Committee (J)** – Jay Watkins (report was forwarded via email and read by Chair Wehmeyer.)
 - The committee held recent discussions on Electric Vehicle charging stations, Parking Garage 14 (Gale Lemerand Commuter Lot) and the new Data Science Center Building impacts on parking due to the accelerated project timeline. The May meeting will include presentations on potential parking solutions during short-term disruptions to parking while garage and other buildings are under construction.
- **Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee (J)** -- Megan Forbes
 - In February, the committee approved the design phase of Norman Hall and the renovation of and addition to the Zeta Tau Alpha.
 - In March, the committee approved the softball facility (Katie Seashole Pressly Softball

Stadium) expansion and are now waiting on baseball plans to determine the overall impact on this area.

-The committee also approved that the Phi Mu house project include a sidewalk along SW 9th Avenue.

- **Sustainability Committee (J) – John Duncan**

The committee is in discussion regarding campus wide indoor temperature monitoring of facilities.

7. Selection of new chair for 2018-2019. *Must be a Senator*

Council did not select a new Chair since no one who would be eligible (i.e. a current Senator) was present. The chair election was postponed to the first meeting of fall 2018.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.