

Infrastructure Council Minutes

December 14, 2017

1:30 p.m. Pugh 150

Attendees

Laurie Bialosky, Brent Goodman, Ann Wehmeyer, Jay Watkins, Melissa Johnson, Angela Bacsik, Melody Royster, Megan Forbes, Gail Hansen de Chapman, Jason Fults, John Hames, Laurie Taylor, Paul Ortiz, and Silvio dos Santos.

1. Call to Order

Ann Wehmeyer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

The November Minutes were approved as amended to include Hal Grieb as a meeting attendee.

3. UF OPS employees - Paul Ortiz, Director, Samuel Proctor Oral History Program, and Associate Professor of History

UF Faculty member Paul Ortiz provided an overview of UF OPS employee issues he requests be addressed by council. He shared the UF Student Government resolution currently being considered as well as materials from the Alachua County Labor Coalition.

The Infrastructure Council will review this issue as it pertains to the overall infrastructure to support the university's academic mission.

After discussion, the council asked Paul Ortiz to provide:

- A more specific draft resolution requesting UF OPS employees to be paid for hours missed due to hurricane Irma.
- Draft resolution(s) with attention to the separation of different OPS classifications and categories, such as student vs. non-student (i.e. students hired for specific or short-term projects); and OPS faculty.
- More information for the January council meeting:
 - a. Ann Wehmeyer will contact UF Facilities Services, which employs OPS workers who might be considered essential personnel during natural disasters such as Irma, or extraordinary events such as the visit of Richard Spencer, to obtain a staff perspective.
 - b. Ann Wehmeyer stated that Jodi Gentry, UF VP for Human Resources will attend the next council meeting to respond any inquiries regarding human resources OPS policies or OPS issues which pertain to UF or the state university system.

4. Update on Curtis Reynolds, Vice President for Business Affairs, presentation.

- An overview of UF's deferred maintenance schedule will be presented to council at the February 8, 2018 meeting.

5. Reporting of Contributing Committees:

- **Steering Committee (S)** – Ann Wehmeyer
 The council was asked to report to the Committee on Committees. Ann Wehmeyer summarized issues that the council had reviewed in the past three years.
 Next month, the Steering Committee will hear a presentation from the UF Office of Technology Licensing. UF is currently ranked third in the nation for number of patents developed at the university level.
- **University Libraries Committee (S)** – Angela Bacsik
 The ULC unanimously agreed to modify but not delete journal subscriptions (primarily hybrid journals) in UF's Open Access Publishing Fund Policies and Procedures. The Provost requests that a policy re-evaluation commence in six months to ensure sufficient funding.
- **Lakes, Vegetation, and Landscaping Committee (J)** -- Gail Hansen
 Campus landscape master planning firm has been hired and will begin meeting with the relevant individuals and groups on campus.
 Scooter overcrowding in the in the Library West area was discussed and Jay Watkins mentioned that the Parking and Transportation Committee has discussed this issue and the street will be re-striped to help extend parking and reduce the instances of students being ticketed for parking outside the lines in the striped area.
- **Parking and Transportation Committee (J)** – Jay Watkins
 Campus barriers have been altered to using flashing signs and poles in the center of the roadways.
 There are currently 28 electric car charging stations on campus.
 Scott Fox, Director of Transportation and Parking Services, presented a five-year campus projects plan.
 The committee is examining how parking will be affected by Norman Hall renovations. Renovations in the Pony Field/band practice area will result in a net loss of 40 parking spaces, primarily in green decals, as well as some in gated, and some in medical resident decals.
 The next major garage will be erected in the current Commuter Lot area.
- **Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee (J)** - Megan Forbes
 The committee approved UF-629 - the Band Practice Field but raised concerns (which were addressed) about the proximity of the artificial turf to the wetlands.
 A new committee member orientation was held.
- **Sustainability Committee (J)** – John Duncan
 The Sustainability Committee is currently focused on The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education's (AASHE) Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) submission. Specifically focusing on research in the following areas:

 - Library Open-Access Programs
 - Faculty Research Support Programs
 - Student Research Support

- Interdisciplinary Research
- Campus Paper Procurement Policies

The committee is also discussing a campus recycled goods standard – comparing expectations from the state, county, and peer institutions.

The Law School recently unveiled their new Solar Power Installation.

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