

Infrastructure Council Minutes

January 17, 2019

2:00 p.m.

Pugh 150

Present: Richard Scholtz, Keith Rambo, Bernard Hauser, Mark Helms, Megan Forbes, Keith Schneider, Ann Wehmeyer, Laurie Bialosky, John Duncan, Curtis Reynolds, Gail Hansen, Carlos Dougnac and Ray Thomas.

1. Call to Order – Bernard Hauser, Chair

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Council Chair Bernard Hauser.

2. Approval of October 4, 2018 and November 8, 2018 Minutes

The [October minutes](#) were approved. The [November minutes](#) were approved as amended.

3. Chair's Report

-Reitz Union was a site for Election Day and early voting this year. While approximately 1,000 early voters were expected, over 6,000 people had voted ahead of Election Day.

-President Fuchs shared with the Faculty Senate Steering Committee a [College Sports Gambling Op-ed](#) written by himself and Cornell colleague Professor Glenn Altschuler. The article is relevant to collegiate NCAA sports and concerns about public gambling's potential negative impact on athletes and sports in public institutions and appeared in *The Independent Florida Alligator* just before winter break.

-Billy Huff, Director of UF Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Affairs, was a guest of the Academic Policy Council and discussed how a student could indicate the student's chosen or preferred name as well as a chosen or preferred pronoun. The addition of these fields to Canvass was considered. The Office of Student Affairs, General Counsel, the Privacy Office, and the Registrar all need to be involved in this discussion to consider any ramifications such as technology accommodations, adherence to Sunshine Laws, etc. so this item is still under review.

-The Academic Policy Council also held discussion about proposed policy changes to repeating courses requirements and the [repeat course petition](#).

-The ['save the date' flyer](#) for the annual Provost's Symposium which will take place February 7th - 8th, highlights the focus on active learning strategies through evidence-based research, classroom engagement, and development of faculty learning communities. Please share the flyer with your colleagues.

-The [Creative Campus](#) liaison will share the call for proposals in next week's Senate meeting. Submissions are due February 24th and details are at: <http://fora.aa.ufl.edu/docs/38/2018-2019/UF%20Creative%20Campus%202019%20Call%20for%20Proposals.pdf>.

- Sobha Jaishankar, Assistant Vice President and Lecturer in the Office of the Vice President for Research, will speak about increasing competitive grants at the April Faculty Senate.
- SCORS – has requested follow up from VP Gentry and President Fuchs regarding simplifying or reducing mandatory reports and training required by faculty.
- SCORS is exploring which software licenses seem to be most used at UF and, at its request, University Libraries provided a [Citation Tools](#) list which is posted on the [SCORS agendas/minutes web page](#).
- At the Faculty Senate Steering Committee, Dr. Fuchs discussed challenges with taking computer equipment and devices abroad, particularly to China, with growing intellectual theft and espionage concerns.
- VP of Human Resources, Jodi Gentry, will discuss the impact of HR policies pertaining to OPS employees at the February Senate. Long-term OPS employees with two years or 4,176 hours accumulated as a non-student OPS worker may no longer work at UF in an OPS capacity. While OPS grant-funded employees were largely not affected, this policy implementation resulted in four OPS employees becoming faculty members and some UF staff members not being retained as OPS workers; some shifted from OPS to TEAMS while others left UF altogether.
- VP Gentry will also discuss Sibson’s results/recommendations. UF currently lags in retirement and paid leave when compared to peer benchmark areas.

4. Spring 2019 dates confirmation: (Pugh 150 – Thursdays – 2 p.m.)

- February 14, 2019
- March 7th – cancelled due to Spring Break
- April 11, 2019

5. University Committee and Faculty Senate Council Term Expirations & 1-31 Nomination Deadline

- Council members who are rotating off in 2019 are: Michael Dark and Melody Royster. Please encourage committee and council nominations among your colleagues.

6. Deferred Maintenance – Curtis Reynolds, VP for Business Affairs

- As part of a follow up to a request by council to explore funding issues surrounding building maintenance, Mark Helms, Assistant Vice President for Facilities Services, led a [Deferred maintenance discussion](#). This office is responsible for space on campus. Definitions of deferred maintenance and how it is viewed by the university were discussed.
- ISES, a third party company working with UF Facility Services, reviewed property issues and calculated what it would cost to bring a given building back up to specifications.
- Immediate, critical, and non-critical needs were accessed in E&G (Education & General funded) buildings on campus.
- Spaces outside of the E&G budget such as housing, IFAS, Shands, the O’Connell Center, etc. were not included in the presentation. Sidewalks and exterior accessories were not a focus.

-ISES performed a visual inspection of all square footage of E&G buildings and considered age, original design, and the building's concept to help assess what it takes to bring a building back to maximum use or specification. Industry standard life drives primary assessment decisions, such as a forecast for replacements needed within the next ten years and any needed corrective actions. The projected ten year facility renewal needs includes the following categories: recurring deferred renewal needs (i.e. repairs or replacement/rebuilding of major building components that are, or will be, at the end of their useful service life within the next 10 years); recurring projected renewal needs (i.e. repairs or replacement/rebuilding of major building components that have already exceeded their economically useful service life); and nonrecurring needs (i.e. random repairs, code upgrades, etc.) These combined expenditures placed the ten year facility renewal needs at approximately 700 million dollars.

-A campus comparative analysis in graphic and table representation was shared.

Using a facilities condition index scale, which rates the overall condition of facilities reviewed (by 'excellent', 'good', 'fair', 'below average', 'poor' or 'complete replacement indicated'), UF was determined to be in the category of 'fair', which places UF near the top of ISES' clients. 76 buildings were determined to be in excellent to good condition.

-Risk factors include the age of the building, health and safety issues such as mold, failures of essential equipment, etc. The needs of buildings on the national historic register were discussed in addition to Dauer Hall, the Dental tower, Matherly Hall, and buildings which tend to have more failures following natural disasters, resulting in changes to the building's risk assignment. Recently, several 'human elements' incidents occurred on campus, causing unanticipated wear and tear to buildings, such as in Criser Hall.

- In addition to naming a building, one consideration for new donors could be funding an endowment for maintenance of that building whereby a percentage would be dedicated to building maintenance and operation.

-VP Reynolds addressed an inquiry about assessments of the utilization of buildings and office space designations.

-Building conditions and aesthetics and its relevance to faculty and student recruitment was discussed.

-Given that UF is prioritizing a strategic development plan and utility master plan, council is interested in VP Reynolds' office providing a presentation of the university's landscape master plan.

-The issue of a 'food desert' in the Fifield Hall area of campus was raised. The current Aramark contract with UF disallows the presence of food trucks on campus.

7. Reporting of Contributing Committees:

- **Parking and Transportation Committee (J)** -- Keith Rambo
Keith Rambo shared the [December 19, 2018 Transportation and Parking strategic plans](#) which were discussed at their last meeting. Discussion items included: the length of walking times to parking lots; proposed new virtual gates lots and maps; costs associated with the construction and maintenance of the parking garages. Concern was raised from Vet Med regarding a 'no

right on red' at the intersection of Museum Road and 441 and this will be addressed at the next committee meeting.

- **Lakes, Vegetation, and Landscaping Committee (J)** -- Gail Hansen

The committee discussed the new baseball stadium in their December meeting. The project manager spoke about tree removal and tree windbreak plans.

- **Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee (J)** -- Megan Forbes

The committee met on December 4th and approved the schematic design phase of a major project, the UF-608 parking garage.

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

This evening the Gainesville city commission will vote on a proposed plastic bag and styrofoam ban in the city of Gainesville. Matthew Williams, Director of UF's Office of Sustainability and Energy Integration, will address UF's zero carbon initiative at February Senate.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:39 p.m.