

Infrastructure Council Minutes

October 4, 2018 2:00 p.m. Pugh 150

AGENDA

Present: Bernard Hauser, Keith Rambo, Angelos Barmpoutis, Robert Schulte, John Duncan, Richard Scholtz, Gail Hansen, Laurie Bialosky, Keith Schneider and Mark McCallister

1. **Call to Order** – Bernard Hauser, Chair

The meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. **Approval of September 13, 2018 Minutes**

The minutes were approved.

Chair's Report / Parking Resolution Update

- Discussion was held regarding Garage XIV and the Data Science Building's construction resulting in a depletion of parking spaces. Council reviewed the [resolution](#) approved at the September council meeting and unanimously agreed to table it and report it as such at the upcoming Steering Committee meeting. Associate VP Craig Hill is working with the Faculty Senate Chair to find resolution and will present to council in the near future. The Faculty Senate Chair is also meeting next week with Craig Hill, Associate Vice President for Business Affairs; Charlie Lane, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer; Curtis Reynolds, Vice President for Business Affairs; Carlos Dognac, Assistant Vice President of Facilities Planning and Construction; and President Fuchs, to discuss parking and possible solutions.
- Discussion was held about UF's temporary parking lots, including the Fifield lot. Project management has reviewed every open space on campus and narrowed it to five areas: Fifield Field, Flavet Field, Archer Road Field, 13th Street East, and Norman Field. Employees are having to move further out on campus to obtain temporary parking so council is interested in hearing discussion about how to transport people to these far lots, perhaps through extra shuttle or bus service. However, RTS is struggling to locate and hire bus drivers. Access to sidewalks near temporary parking areas is also a consideration. Council also discussed: exploring the possibilities of a parking app which could match parking availability with individuals searching for a parking space; encouraging more employees to use the regularly, largely empty parking lot by OSMI and [the RTS bus satellites/app](#) and [bus satellite-tracking route lists](#); and the need to review city/county agreements which have remained static while UF has expanded.
- Council is inviting administration to discuss the backlog of deferred maintenance in an upcoming council meeting.
- Council chair led a discussion regarding the closing (about four years ago) of the faculty and staff gym/'Living Well' program which had previously been supported by donated equipment from the Athletic Association, membership dues, and the College of Health and Human Performance which covered the program director's expenses. The program was closed for budgetary reasons but council is interested in exploring if this or a similar program could be opened. Approximately 500-600 faculty previously subscribed to Living Well which was primarily self-sustaining through dues, minus the expenses associated with the program administration. A vast majority of members were faculty (as opposed to staff) and a similar program could offer faculty social as well as health benefits. An additional 500-700 square feet without equipment could be allotted as a space for coffee and socializing.

- Council is interested in hearing from Disability Resource Center (DRC) Dean, Gerry Altamirano, who presented to the Academic Policy Council last week.

3. Reporting of Contributing Committees:

- **Steering Committee (S) – Bernard Hauser**
 - The Steering Committee meets next week and has not met since the last Infrastructure Council meeting.
- **University Libraries Committee (S) – Angelos Barmpoutis**
 - The Open Access Publishing Fund was funded by the Provost's Office. \$120,000 was funded and allocated well before the end of the year, when the fund is expected to be renewed again. The ULC is discussing if there should be permanent policies which are better aligned with the funding situation.
- **Lakes, Vegetation, and Landscaping Committee (J) -- Gail Hansen**
 - The committee approved the new Institute of Hispanic-Latino Center (IHLC) and the Institute of Black Culture (IBC). The two old buildings are being replaced with new, larger, and more functional ones.
 - The softball stadium expansion was approved. 184 trees were removed. Most of the mitigation will happen on other projects. Trees of similar sizes will be planted.
 - Baseball stadium plans were approved and a windbreak row of pines were removed. The parking lot has shifted and the road is being closed so trees will be cut.
 - The committee approved the new UF Landscape Master Plan. The consultant pointed out maintenance and safety issues; showed landscape typologies and designated trees for different streets as well as examples and prototypes. The Tigert Court project was named as the number one project priority and is being fast-tracked. Union Road will be pedestrian only and will have pavers to indicate this. Only emergency vehicles will be allowed and busses will be rerouted. Turlington Plaza will be closed to vehicles and Gators (Corner) Plaza will be re-worked to increase shade. Newell Gateway and Century Tower Plaza are two other priority areas and have all been approved and aim to increase social spaces and the function of the Turlington Plaza area.
- **Parking and Transportation Committee (J) -- Keith Rambo**
 - The next meeting is next week and the committee has not meet since the last Infrastructure Council meeting.
- **Sustainability Committee (J) --John Duncan**
 - The committee met last month and discussed two areas: LEED certification of building construction renovation and purchasing procurement standards.
- **University IT Committee (S) –**
 - The Committee on Committees has appointed IT Committee member and former Faculty Senate Chair Frank Bova to chair the initial Fall University IT Committee meeting in the absence of the elected committee chair, who is currently on leave. A Chair will be elected at the first meeting.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.