

Infrastructure Council Minutes

April 8, 2021 1:00 p.m.

via Zoom:

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/97233988200?pwd=UnpiUIQ2eS9LV2JZOEQrc1VtczhyZz09>

Present: Richard Scholtz, Keith Rambo, Keith Schneider, Shannon Dunn, Ray G. Thomas, Frank LoMonte, Jonathan Orsini, Amanda Pritzlaff, Ray Issa, Laurie Bialosky, Cydney McGlothlin, and Tim Young.

- **Call to Order** – Richard Scholtz, Chair
 - The meeting was called to order by Chair Scholtz at 1:02 p.m.
- **Approval of March 11, 2021 Minutes**
 - The minutes were approved.
- **Chair's Report**
 - The Senate passed a [Resolution to Support the Free Exchange of Ideas on Campus and Therefore Oppose a Legislative Entitlement to Record Classes and Mandatroy Survey](#). Dr. Scott Angle, VP of Agriculture and Natural Resources, shared diversity initiatives in the CALS/IFAS shared governance unit. The Welfare Council Chair will be sharing a resolution and a living Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) document to review at this month's Senate meeting.
 - UF Graduate student Amanda Pritzlaff screen shared [Comparisons between UF Graduate Resources and Similarly Ranked Institutions via U.S. News](#) which reviewed UF comparisons to average graduate stipends, family leave, access to family housing units, and other essential items which are considered and assessed by potential graduate students. Benefits for graduate workers at similarly ranked, top ten universities and graduate programs were shared and were discussed in terms of their relationship to UF's infrastructure. UF appears to have a competitive advantage regarding affordable housing without the removal of Maguire and UVS. Other schools have an overall different scale of their housing units, based, in part, on the relationship of their housing inventory and the community's cost of living/housing. The UF Office of Off-campus Housing offers resources to students and any budget limitations result in more limited support for students.

- It may be beneficial for the co-authors to reach out to other colleges, such as Engineering or to the professional schools. Co-author Jonathan Orsini also noted that data is still being gathered and he is awaiting a response from the University of Michigan.

- **Architectural Review Council** – Cydney McGlothlin, University Architect

- The council has been in existence for approximately three years and meets bimonthly.

Members include Marty Hylton, Director of UF's Historic Preservation Program in the College of Design, Construction and Planning; UF Department of Planning, Design and Construction (PDC) staff Linda Dixon, Director of Planning, Carlos Dougnac, Assistant Vice President, Frank Javaheri, Director of Construction; a couple of UF architectural faculty members and architectural alumni; and current and retired local architects.

- The council looks at campus guidelines and considers how to improve campus aesthetics.

Membership expertise areas include modern architecture, art, preservation and landscaping.

Outside speakers also visit council to help advise on various topics.

- The council advises The Land Use and Facilities Planning (LUFPP) Committee, which is a university joint committee. Council currently meets on the Tuesday which LUFPP meets which assists University Architect Cydney McGlothlin, and LUFPP administrative liaison Linda Dixon in connecting with this group. Formalizing how to best connect both groups is being considered, including what happens when a project is rejected by other university joint committees, such as the Lakes, Vegetation And Landscaping (LVL) Committee. Shared governance was discussed, and Cydney provided examples of project pieces which are considered by council, including working with the architectural materials side of a project and looking at site designs.

- Infrastructure Council asked that the Architectural Review Council web page please be reviewed to clarify that no other university committees report to the Architectural Review Council, and that the latter is advisory. Cydney will request that the web page, which sits on the UF Department of Planning, Design and Construction (PDC) site, be updated to reflect this.

- Many underlying design standards for campus were written about three years ago by the strategic development team and were intentionally loosely written to allow some design flexibility. An attempt to stratify the architecture across campus was done during work on the Landscape Master Plan (and elsewhere) but there was not an across-the-board-agreement among all architects/team members.

– An inquiry was raised about the modern look of the new honors dormitory, specifically as it is placed near traditional buildings. The dollars per square foot was considered, along with an emphasis on the pedestrian experience, so there is brick at the bottom and there are more modern elements as the building rises, a design which provides variation.

- The UPD building is using re-purposed brick and will be brick-colored. Challenges with laying the brick and obtaining the material were also discussed.

- Campus design-build proposals and modular construction designs were discussed.

- Maintenance costs in relation to the life span of modern buildings and construction were discussed, as well as how the university plans maintenance operations by closely examining all facts of all buildings, especially energy usage, air units, and light fixtures, which provides a very good idea of a building's life span; brick work and exterior items present another perspective and it was noted that faculty expertise from the College of Design, Construction, and Planning can help contribute to these analyses.

- Inquiries were raised regarding long-term maintenance issues for new LEED buildings compared to older buildings, including maintenance costs for glass and steel recaulking. Facility Services and university architects are increasingly working more closely together on these issues, particularly as buildings become more sophisticated. The university prioritizes reviewing space efficiency to avoid building unneeded square footage and increasing our carbon footprint.

- Cydney will keep lines of communication open with this council and the university joint committees.

- **Election of 2021-2022 Infrastructure Council Chair**

- Keith Rambo was elected.

- **Reporting of Contributing Committees and Administrative Liaisons:**

- University IT Committee (S) –Ray Issa

- The committee met on March 29 and discussed the face to face classroom teaching preparations for the summer and fall semesters, included what and which technologies and buildings are being updated. The committee discussed what should and should not be included in these updates and which items were priority. Terra DuBois, Chief Compliance, Ethics, & Privacy Officer, discussed the rules of engagement in social media and the rights

and rules of students and faculty. Inquiries pertaining to faculty proxy rights were referred to UF Human Resources for further clarification.

- Parking and Transportation Committee (J) -- Keith Rambo
 - Chair Rambo has placed a call for agenda items for the upcoming meeting and one item received thus far is increasing pedestrian safety on University Avenue.
- Sustainability Committee (J) –David Lucier
 - Chair Lucier forwarded [last month's Sustainability Committee minutes](#).
- Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee (J) -- Tim Young
 - No LUFPP meeting has been held since the last Infrastructure Council meeting.

-- Cydney noted that construction is starting along museum road this May and campus messaging to share details and updates is about to commence.

- **Adjournment**

- The meeting adjourned at 1:49 p.m.