

# **Infrastructure Council Minutes**

**September 8, 2021**

**10:00 a.m.**

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**Present:** Keith Rambo, Ann Baird, Tim Young, Gail Hansen, Yousong Ding, Frank LoMonte, Alex Wong, Shannon Dunn, Walter O'Dell, Shea Booster, Carlos Dougnac, Laurie Bialosky, Breann Garbas, Nancy Clark, and Cydney Mcglothlin.

**1. Call to Order** – Keith Rambo, Infrastructure Council Chair

- The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Rambo.

**2. Approval of April 8, 2021 Minutes**

- The minutes were approved.

**3. Chair's Report / Steering Committee Update**

- Chair Rambo encouraged council members to please share any topics of interest.

**4. Council Topic Suggestions for 2021-22 Academic Year**

- COVID infrastructure and budget impacts.

- Emergency management / UFPD updates.

- Privacy and physical security issues pertaining to camera installations around Baby Gator

- Shared governance in carrying out all elements of the Campus Master Plan.

- Campus Master Plan updates and challenges. For example, North Florida bricklayers are extremely scarce and have greatly impeded the university's ability to build brick buildings.

- The Lakes, Vegetation, and Landscaping (LVL) Committee is collaborating with the Office of Sustainability to help establish consistent conservation management across campus; a conservation campus master plan is needed. For example, some volunteer and conservation-conscious groups are removing invasive plants. Conservation areas in need include Lake Alice and the campus wetlands.

- Continue the graduate housing affordability and accessibility conversation.

- Shrinking Graduate student parking, whose locations are becoming increasingly remote from campus.

- The lack of established quarantined individuals on campus.

- Some Graduate students are inquiring if graduate student housing is being used as quarantined housing. What is the noticing process for existing residents? Chair Rambo will ask UF Housing for an update.

- Explore options for professional student housing, including possibly utilizing any current graduate student housing. Largely due to clinical rotations, the professional schools don't exactly match the rest of campus' semester class schedule, so the staggered academic year start time for them presents a housing problem for the Health Science Center schools. Faculty are hopeful solutions can be found so professional students can avoid couch surfing and discreetly attempting to camp out in campus medical buildings for brief periods of time. Could housing access be built into student financial aid packages?
- UF Health parking issues; learn more about overcrowding issues.
- Increase the use of the faculty lounge. Some lounge updates include that furniture modification is underway; technology compatibility is being increased; and it now has coffee and tea available for faculty.

## **5. Spring 2022 Meeting Planning**

- Teaching schedules are released in early October, when council will revisit its meeting schedule.

## **6. Reporting of Contributing Committees and Administrative Liaisons:**

- Lakes, Vegetation, and Landscaping (LVL) Committee (J) -- Gail Hansen
  - LVL meets tomorrow for this month's committee meeting. Chair Hansen summarized projects which have appeared on the committee's agenda, including the approval of the Special Collections project plans next to the Harn Museum and the Florida Natural History Museum, including the new driveways built to help expand/access the parking areas; 145 small trees will be removed with 19 trees planted for mitigation.
  - PK Yonge is hoping to resolve flooding and storm water drainage issues. It has requested the removal of 22 trees and will return to the committee to ask about which mitigation trees to plant.
  - A new Lake Walberg area building is being constructed and a rain garden is being built to mitigate storm water issues.
  - There is an ongoing algae problem in Lake Alice. Many complaints were received this summer and Director of Planning in Planning, Design & Construction, Linda Dixon, and Office of Sustainability Director, Matt Williams, are conferring on a lake plan. An inquiry was made about debris collection and silt at the lake. The tributaries to Lake Alice are also filling with silt. Lake dredging would be several million dollars but there is concern that inaction will result in Lake Alice becoming swampy.
  - Solutions are being examined such as identifying who is responsible for maintenance and

cleanup of this area. Council discussed impacts on campus wetlands from fertilizing, campus construction and fencing, etc. A new boardwalk and overlook system is being considered for a future Lake Alice construction project.

- Preservation of Historic Buildings and Sites Committee (J) – Ann Baird
  - The committee met in May and approved a Campus Master Plan change pertaining to the removal of part of McCarty Woods from that plan and into conservation. Cydney presented preliminary plans of the architecture building, including the siding and exterior plans.
- Parking and Transportation Committee (PATC) (J) -- Keith Rambo
  - Chair Rambo received a student inquiry regarding Garage 14. There is a small amount of green and massive amount of blue and orange decal parking available. Decal color availability around Flavet is also being considered for changes.
  - Council discussed that two Park and Ride lots that changed this Fall include the Flavet Field parking lot, which was restored to student green decal parking. Chair Rambo invited Faculty Senate Student Senator Alex Wong to the next PATC meeting to propose if some decal areas could be amended.
  - Council also discussed parking enforcement on weekends and weekdays.
  - Council continues to have input on modification of campus plans.
- Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee (J) -- Tim Young
  - This committee has met once since the last council meeting. There will be new traffic signals installed on Museum Road at Sweetwater Drive and at Newell and Museum. New crosswalks are also being implemented.

## **7. Adjournment**

- The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.