

Infrastructure Council Minutes

January 10, 2023 (Jan. meeting)

Scheduled 9:00 a.m.

160 Pugh Hall, and zoom: Meeting ID: 959 6504 5629 Passcode: 304109

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Present: Walter O'Dell, Keith Rambo, Ray Issa, Mark McCallister, Ann Baird, Selman Hershfield, Patrick Reakes (Libraries), Rachel Mandell, Cydney McClothlin, Matt Williams, Jay Watkins, Nancy Clark, Mark Helms, Ariel Pomputius, Anthony Valenzuela, and Nancy Clark.

1. Call to Order – Keith Rambo, Chair

- The meeting was called to order by Infrastructure Council Chair Keith Rambo at 9:03 a.m.

2. Approval of December 5, 2022 Minutes: The minutes were approved.

3. Chair's Report / Steering Committee Update

Reminder: Please nominate yourself or a faculty colleague(s) for committees/councils/boards by January 31. All faculty received an email w. the nomination form & details @ <https://senate.ufl.edu/committees--councils/>.

4. Update on Thermal Production and Library – Mark Helms, Assistant VP for UF's Facilities Services Division and Sustainability

Mark: Library flooding during cold snap on the evening of Dec 25. 12 instances of frozen pipes/lines across campus. Main unit cooling coil on 3rd floor froze and burst. Sensor should have shut the damper off automatically when it leaked and should have let water trickle through before freezing, and didn't, so looking into that. Will probably be \$1M cost.

Mark: New energy plant: going through the plan proposed by chosen bidder.

Disappointed by "lack of creativity". Cannot discuss details because of state in process.

Patrick: was appreciative of the clean-up crew/vendor response time and effort. Lost 6,000 books but building is currently operational.

Keith: What is the status of the electricity versus steam generation?

Mark: Electricity still the secondary product. Will have better discussion at next month's meeting.

5. Reporting of Contributing Committees and Administrative Liaisons:

- **Lakes, Vegetation, and Landscaping Committee (J) -- Gail Hansen**
- Gail not present to give report.
- **Preservation of Historic Buildings and Sites Committee (J) – Ann Baird**
- Ann: committee met in Dec.: Discussed expansion of Broward Dining hall; is in early stages. Concern about it being closed for 6-8 months for renovation and/or closure of road, and other projects in that area compounding travel/access. And concern with possible removal of trees around the dining hall. That project was approved.
- Ann: Holland Law school plan to remove some offices for group eating space, with removal of windows. That was also approved.
- **Parking and Transportation Committee (J) – Scott Washburn**
- Scott not present.
- **Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee (J) – Jay Watkins**
- Jay: Committee met last week. Discussed the Broward Dining expansion. His committee has/had many of the same concerns. After much discussion it was approved.
- **Sustainability Committee (J) – Ariel Pomputius**
- Ariel: has not met yet in 2023. Did present this week to Committee on Committees. At last meeting discussed upcoming projects:
- Keith: What's status on CAP2
- Matt: discussion of whether this is outgoing topic for President Fuchs or incoming for Sasse. Who gets the tag line for the press release? VPs, provost, pres.? The VPs were very supportive and had no issues with any of the key components of the plan.
- **University IT Committee (S) – Ray Issa / University IT Administration – Mark McCallister**
- Ray had stated that was no December meeting and there was nothing to report.
- **University Libraries Committee – Patrick Reakes**
- Patrick: will be the library rep from now on. He needs to be added to the email list. Will be doing reassessment (data gathering of use, etc.) with provost on additional funding for the libraries and where the funding will come from. Discussed 24/7 access to libraries for students for fall and spring semesters.
- Anthony (student rep): discussed with student president and other leadership. Recommend pilot project, 24/7 for one or 2 months to test usage by students. Perhaps use only certain library floors as 24/7 and get usage before committing to full building access.
- Patrick: every time there is a new assessment need to hire ~8 people: including security, assessor, library staff. Have already done several similar assessments looking at whether computers are needed, versus just study or meeting space. As for floor assess, most of the library buildings do not facilitate closing off some floors and not others, so expect to make all floors available.
- Keith: anyone think this is to level of committee resolution to the senate (24/7 access) either through us or another committee?

- Ariel: would seem that such a resolution should come through the student leadership.
- Patrick: agrees it is better to have it through student representatives. Notes that the libraries do not have room in the budget, so the key question is whether the funding comes from student government, or provost, or other.

6. New Business

No new business.

7. Old Business

None.

8. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Minutes Submitted by Infrastructure Council Member Walter O'Dell.