

## Minutes - Infrastructure Council September 18, 2023 2:00 p.m.

**\*303 Rinker Hall** \*or if needed via Zoom:

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**Present:** Ann Baird, Vandana Baweja, Cynda Crawford, Yousong Ding, Linda Dixon, Gail Hansen de Chapman, Mark Helms, Selman Hershfield, Raymond Issa, Laurie Bialosky, Rachel Mandell, Mark McCallister, Walter O'Dell, David Gaddis Ross, Patricia Sohn, Scott Washburn, and Keith Rambo.

### 1. Call to Order – Walter O’Dell, Infrastructure Council Chair

- The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Infrastructure Council Chair Walter O’Dell.

### 2. Approval of May 9, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes

- The minutes were approved.

### 3. Chair’s Report

(1) Chair Dr. O’Dell reviewed the charge of the Infrastructure Council (IC).

Per the UF Constitution, *What we are:*

"This council’s area encompasses the University’s infrastructure supporting the University’s academic mission, including the provision of physical facilities and other physical resources; libraries; information technology; the campus master plan; and the availability of adequate computer, classroom, laboratory and other resources."

IC is comprised of six contributing committees and their Chairs, including the Preservation of Historic Buildings Committee (Chair Ann Baird); Lakes, Vegetation & Landscaping Committee (Chair Gail Hansen de Chapman); Information Technology Committee (Chair Raymond Issa); Sustainability Committee (chair to be determined); Parking and Transportation (Chair Scott Washburn); and Land Use and Facilities (Chair Jay Watkins, absent, need to identify this AY’s chair). In addition, IC has three Administrative entities and their Liaisons; including Facilities Planning (Liaison AVP Carlos Dougnac); Information Technology (Liaison Mark McCallister); and University Libraries (Liaison Vandana Baweja). Each chair and liaison who attended the meeting introduced the mission of each committee.

(2) Chair Dr. O’Dell further introduced what this council is to do:

*Information exchange up-down:* "The councils make recommendations to the Senate, facilitate the implementation of policy, and serve as liaisons between the Senate and the administration within their areas... The Senate Steering Committee coordinates the referring of matters to, and the receipt of recommendations from, the Senate Policy Councils."

*Information exchange sideways:* "Each Senate policy council may refer business to its contributing and related committees; direct two or more Committees to work together

when appropriate; create, if necessary, ad hoc committees or task forces to deal with matters within its purview; act as a council on business within its purview for which a committee is neither available nor necessary; and initiate and participate in cooperative action with other councils."

".. However, the councils have no authority to review the decisions of any committee except insofar as such decisions may be the bases of policy recommendations."

#### **4. Thermal Production Facility – Mark Helms, Assistant VP, Facilities Services Division & Sustainability**

- The project has been discussed for a couple of years. Initially intended to go to the third party to enhance sustainability, cost-effectiveness, etc.; energy use on campus is expected to go up 125% in the next couple of years.

- Duke Energy then came back, with more sustainable/green solar panels available in regions; UF already collaborated with Duke Energy in the past and achieved 20% carbon reduction already; Duke Energy proposed to capture steam released from the building top to further reduce carbon reduction and increase energy efficiency; new partnership agreement/contract with UF is now available, which includes 15 years for first phase, seven years for second phase, and seven years for third phase. It was expected that any new technology would need at least 15 years to get into the market. The thermal Production Facility is also considering additional measurements to ensure the energy demands for UF health and hospitals.

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

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

-LVLC met every month during the summer; recommended tree removal for Broward Hall expansion and plan irritation; approved several projects related to campus landscape enhancement plan (e.g., Tigert Hall; Gale Lemerand; Museum Road); examined the stability of a cracked big branch of a large oak tree near Rinker Hall and made recommendations.

- Lake Alice Watershed Management Plan: the project is overseen by a Project Team of six UF administrators plus leads from the consulting team, with guidance from a 29-member Steering Committee. It looks into the entire Lake Alice water system to identify and make recommendations on water quality, water quantity, vegetation, climate resiliency, and funding. It will also address current construction operations, maintenance requirements, and future stormwater needs. A consulting company was hired to provide recommendations. Faculty are also offering needed expertise, data and information. Already met twice; and started a couple of workshops; the [project website](#) is available to keep people informed. It was discussed if the Lake Alice Watershed Management Plan can be shared with the Faculty Senate and/or Steering Committee in Oct 2023.

##### **b. Preservation of Historic Buildings and Sites Committee (J) – Ann Baird**

- Committee met in July and Aug to approve projects.

**c. Parking and Transportation Committee (J) – Scott Washburn**

- Met a couple of times during the summer; several major initiatives to be tackled; first: delivery vehicles (such as FedEx, UPS, etc.) did not park properly on campus; recommendations were made to VP and approved; TAPS started providing warning citations; still more work to be done; additional initiatives included the discussion on differential permits based on carbon emissions, scooter parking and use on campus, etc.; welcome any inputs on issues; IC committee members praised the efforts from Parking and Transportation Committee, particularly parking during sports events.

**d. Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee (J) – Jay Watkins**

- Jay Watkins was unable to attend due to a class conflict but will forward reports to council this semester. Nothing was provided to report on for this meeting.

**e. Sustainability Committee (J) – Ariel Pomputius**

- Committee met in July and Aug to approve projects. Committee will meet this week and will elect a chair.

**f. University IT Committee (S) – Ray Issa**

- This committee meets at the end of this month.

**g. University Libraries Committee Administrative Liaison – Sr. Associate Dean Patrick Reakes / ULC Chair: Vandana Baweja**

- University Library Committee has yet to meet for the first fall meeting. No ULC updates, as its first scheduled meeting was canceled due to the hurricane.

**6. Old Business**

- **CAP 2**

- Not ready; waiting for more administrative feedback before any presentation to Senate is considered.

**7. New Business**

- GatorOne will be presented at the next council meeting.

**8. Adjournment**

- The meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.