

Budget Council Minutes
January 15, 2021

3:00 p.m.

via Zoom:

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/92704511638?pwd=WUpjOHhWYWZ0NzBFQWYzMDhyQ2RVUT09>

Present: Ashley Ghiaseddin, Win Phillips, Keith Schneider, George Kolb, Lauren Solberg, Mei-Fang Lan, Ray G. Thomas, Kevin Trejos, Brian Mawdsley, Bill Reeser, and Matt Williams.

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. by Budget Council Chair Ashely Ghiaseddin.

2. Approval of December 18, 2020 Minutes

- The minutes were approved.

3. Chair's Report/ Updates

- David Christie, Assistant Vice President & CFO at UF Advancement and UF Foundation, Inc. is being invited to speak to council next month to provide an overview of the Foundation/Advancement.

- Sustainable investments and metrics information, which was presented last month by UF Associate Professor of Law, Andrew Winden, was discussed with today's guests and council members.

4. University Investments and Campus Carbon Neutral Goals - Win Phillips, Executive Chief of Staff

a. Dr. Phillips informed the council that UFICO has indeed signed on to the ESG process. Bill Reeser, CEO of UFICO, stated there is an official ESG policy that evaluates ESG metrics prior to investing that UFICO follows. Mr. Reeser stated he can forward this official policy (the statement) to the Faculty Senate. It can be presented at the Faculty Senate Steering Committee to be introduced as an Information Item if the Faculty Senate would like. The policy statement can also be sent to the Sustainability Committee.

b. Matt Williams, Director of the Office of Sustainability, informed council that the University of Florida is looking at revamping the carbon neutral goals. He was recently asked by the Board of Trustees a RFI (request of information) on solar panels. Overall campus roofs and parking garages could provide a maximum of 25 megawatts of solar power, but is limited to 4 MW by state regulation of solar net metering.

5. Administrative Liaison's Report/Updates - George Kolb, Assistant Vice President, Financial Analysis and Budget

- The transparency portal is functional. Transition to Enterprise has started.

6. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.