

Infrastructure Council
Chair: H. Jane Brockmann
10 Dec 2008
Minutes

Attendees:

Jane Brockmann
Chuck Frazier
Rae Jesano
Tom Caswell

Guests:

Judy Russell
Vernon Kisling

The meeting was called to order at 3 PM.

The minutes of the November 12, 2008 meeting were approved.

Jane Brockmann updated the council on the last Senate Steering Committee meeting.

Library reorganization. Dean of the Library, Judith Russell

Judith Russell discussed the library reorganization plan that will be taken to the Senate for approval in the spring.

Proposal on IT governance

The council discussed the draft proposal on IT governance.

This draft was modified during the IC meeting as follows

- (1) Given that IT issues are crucial to all academic pursuits of the University, every UF College or equivalent (e.g. FMNH, Library) should have in place an IT committee (or committees) that will oversee IT decisions within the college. These IT Advisory Committees will also serve an advisory role to University-wide IT committees (ITAC and its subcommittees (<http://www.it.ufl.edu/committees/itac/>)). Membership of College IT Advisory Committee(s) should include non-administrative faculty.
- (2) Each ITAC Committee and subcommittee should include in its membership at least one non-administrative, tenured faculty member.

Note: The Chair of the ITAC-AT serves on the Infrastructure Council as does the CIO.

This modified proposal will now be taken to the Senate Steering Committee for approval as an information then action item at the Senate.

Update on sustainability issues from last IC meeting

The council is awaiting word of the election of a new sustainability chair to serve as a member of the council. The council discussed a proposal to encourage units to engage with their green team members to reduce energy costs for each building.

The council agreed that this proposal needs further thought. The council will invite Dedee DeLongpre to our next meeting to talk with her about energy savings and how to communicate better with employees about strategies for saving energy (e.g. green teams).

2009 Agenda

The council discussed the focus for the Infrastructure Council in the coming semester.

Possible Issues for Infrastructure Council during Spring 2009

- Master plan status (Jan 2009 meeting); plans for Archer Road
- Major tech launches, specific IT issues (e.g. mail servers, maintenance of classroom IT), overall IT support and IT governance on campus (Fall 2008; Spring 2009)
- Library restructuring (Fall 2008); merging HSC Library with Smathers (Spring 2009)
- Sustainability and conservation issues (Fall 2008); energy conservation (Spring 2009)
- Effects of budget cuts on infrastructure (Spring 2009)

The following issues are lower priority this year:

- Classroom and laboratory support (classroom availability, suitability, scheduling, distance learning classrooms)
- Security on campus
- Town-gown issues

The Next meeting of the Infrastructure Council will include an update on campus Facilities and Planning from Director of Facilities Planning and Construction, Carol Walker, (please bring handouts from November meeting) and a discussion of the Archer Road cutoff; .

The meeting adjourned at 5 PM