

Infrastructure Council
Minutes
October 5, 2009

Present: Jane Brockmann

Jessica Clements (student member)
Betsy Creveling
Shannon Holiday
Marjorie Hoy
Ed Poppell
Naomi Young
John Ingram, PHB&SC
Tim Young, chair LVL
Chuck Frazier, Interim CIO
Leah Rosenberg, Univ. Libraries Committee
Bill Millard, Chair, Facilities Planning

The meeting was called to order at 3 PM

2 Sept 2009 minutes were approved.

The chair of the IC, Jane Brockmann, reported on the October Senate Steering Committee meeting. This included a discussion of why so few people talk at the Senate meeting. It was suggested that the discussion should come earlier in the meeting and that there should be topics for discussion. Also, the results of such discussions are unclear: is there a process by which the discussion goes to committees for consideration?

Linda Dixon provided an update on the 2010-2020 Master Plan and the master planning process. The web site is <http://masterplan.ufl.edu>. Academic governance comes through participation by LVL, Parking and Transportation, Historic Preservation, Sustainability and Facilities Planning and Land Use Committees, which are all represented on the Infrastructure Council. The planning process includes an evaluation of the plan implementation, data analysis and workshops to which the UF and Gainesville community will be invited. The Master Plan process is governed by State Statute and the Board of Governors. It involves inter-governmental coordination with the host community and the Planning office has been working with the City, County, MTPO on an agreement, which is required for the new Master Plan.

Ms. Dixon also discussed the original plan to close Archer Road to through traffic, which was not accepted by the DOT. The efforts now are to make Archer Road more pedestrian friendly but it will remain four lanes. The present emergency room is being closed and moved to the new facility which will be accessible from SW 16th Ave. Parking will be removed from SW 16th (200 spaces) and this will be made up in the new garages.

Libraries Committee reported that the Open Access Week is 19-23 at the Smathers Libraries to encourage participation in open access on campus.

Dr. Frazier reported that IT governance structure has moved slowly since the proposal was accepted. The two biggest changes are unit level IT as part of the overall structure (but this is not yet in place) and the IT cabinet, which may be the President's cabinet, but this is not yet in place. The migration to Sakai has started to begin in the fall 2010. Training programs will be set up.

The IC discussed staffing cuts that affect the functioning of the graduate program and research. For example, there is no one in the Graduate School to help students with formatting and other problems that arise in completing their dissertations. In general there is a problem when colleges make cuts in programs that affect other units or the community. How might the Senate address this issue?

My UFMarket was discussed because of a number of problems that various individuals have encountered in placing orders. One of the problems is that faculty are now doing the ordering whereas previously staff were trained to do this. Mr. Fajack is in charge of this and we could ask him about these issues.

RCM was discussed and it was agreed to ask Matt Fajack to attend the next meeting to report on how the shadowing process is going and to answer a number of questions from IC members. In particular, the group was concerned about cheaper work-arounds, the maintenance of quality (such as a quality library), support for groups such as the library and physical plant to "market" themselves, building maintenance, the inability to save money even if utility costs are lowered, and the effect on inter-disciplinary and inter-college collaborations. Members of the Council should talk with colleagues at Ohio State University where RCM has been introduced and is said to be working well.

The meeting was adjourned at 5 PM