

# UNF Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

## February 11, 2021

### **Call to Order**

A meeting of the UNF Sustainability Committee was held on Thursday, February 11, 2021 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Dr. Wallace Harris, Chairman.

### **Attendees**

Dr. Wallace Harris (Chair), Physical Facilities  
Kevin Anderson, Ogier Gardens  
Dylan Charles, Undergraduate Studies  
Dr. Joshua Gellers, Political Science Faculty  
Joseph Lachina, Chartwells  
Dr. James Lambert, Emeritus Member  
Amy Lehnhoff, Procurement Services  
Samantha Lento, Housing

Nathaniel Rodefer, Student Government  
William Smith, Sawmill Slough Preserve Curator  
Vince Smyth, VP A&F  
James Taylor, Environmental Center Coordinator  
Dr. Heather Truelove, Psychology Faculty  
Alexandria Crofts, Student Government (Guest)  
Lucas Mougeot, Student Government (Guest)

### **Approval of the Minutes**

The Minutes from the November 19, 2020 meeting were approved.

### **Agenda**

Membership Update – no new members. The committee approved a proposal as follows:

- Approved Nathaniel Rodefer as Chair for Subcommittee – Community Outreach & Student Experience
- Approved Dr. Joshua Gellers to resume Chair for Subcommittee – Education & Research

Campus LED Retrofit Update – Dr. Harris updated the committee, waiting on fixtures, expect them to arrive at end of month. Project is fully funded and anticipate starting early March. Changing out covered walkway lights with LED.

### **Subcommittee Updates**

Operations and Logistics – Amy Lehnhoff

1. Subcommittee Meeting, March 18, 2021 at 10:00 AM. A meeting scheduled next week to discuss printers to see what was done in the past with personal printers.
2. Also working with E&I, a nonprofit purchasing cooperative. They structure RFP's and create vendor contracts for use across higher education and K-12, they have a sustainability business partners page.

Education and Research – Dr. Heather Truelove

1. Proposal for Dr. Joshua Gellers to resume his role of Chair of Subcommittee.
2. The environmental center under Dr. Largo-Wight has submitted an APC to update the UNF Environmental Studies minor curriculum. It is currently under review in the faculty process.

3. The NOAA grant that Dr Largo- Wight and I are leading in collaboration with Eckerd college is underway and data collection will begin in the fall. The purpose of the project is to reduce plastic consumption on campus.

4. I proposed that we consider ways to encourage units across campus to come back greener when campus resumes to normal.

#### Community Outreach and Student Experience – Nathaniel Rodefer

1. Placing more refillable bottling stations on campus, preferably the Green and Student Union. Only one station in the Student Union.
2. Students and some faculty members endorse pilot programs on campus.

#### Sawmill Slough Preserve – William Smith

Restored flow of the creek by parking lot 14, areas were getting flooded after the rain because the flow of the creek. Physical Facilities landscape and grounds working to make the trails more user friendly. Recommendations are to have seating and outdoor education classes; I will keep the sustainability committee updated. The goal is getting more people out in the Preserve. UNF is pitching the idea of getting designated as a Botanical Garden. Proposal for a Rose Garden, which would be located by the Healing Garden by building 39. The Botanical Garden would highlight native friendly plants. Over fifteen experienced gardener volunteers are extremely helpful.

#### Member Updates:

Vince Smyth - there's no set date or time for return to normal campus operation. Recommendations on how to return to a greener campus should probably be sent to Bob Greenlaw, Covid-19 Coordinator. He would probably pass the information to Scott Bennett, blueprint team member.

Dr. Wallace Harris - asked for any thoughts or recommendations (Sustainable Recommendations) be emailed to Anita Grant, Executive Secretary. This information will be compiled into one document and given to Bob Greenlaw and Scott Bennett. Please note these are recommendation only.

Alexandria Crotts and Lucas Mougeot - presented a proposal to use the campus Pepsi Sustainability Fund to install a green roof on Building 6. After the conclusion of the presentation, the Chairman informed the committee that Building 6 has a new roof that was less than one year old. The chair also commented that the consideration to install a green roof should be done at the start of the programming phase for a new or renovated building and that trying to install a green roof on an existing building would be cost prohibitive. The chair and VP, Vince Smyth also indicated the Pepsi Sustainable Fund does not have enough funding for a project of this type. The presenters were commended by Dr. Gellers, Trulove, and Mr. James Taylor regarding their scholarship in developing the proposal.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m.