

# UNF Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

## April 8, 2021

### **Call to Order**

A meeting of the UNF Sustainability Committee was held on Thursday, April 8, 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  
Dr. Joshua Gellers, Political Science Faculty  
Joseph Lachina, Chartwells  
Dr. James Lambert, Emeritus Member  
Amy Lehnhoff, Procurement Services

Samantha Lento, Housing  
Jordan Maiden, Energy Coordinator, PHYSFAC  
Nathaniel Rodefer, Student Government  
William Smith, Sawmill Slough Preserve Curator  
James Taylor, Environmental Center Coordinator  
Dr. Heather Truelove, Psychology Faculty

### **Approval of the Minutes**

The Minutes from the March 11, 2021 meeting were approved.

### **Agenda**

Membership Update – No membership update. Dr. Harris will contact Eric Bruder, VP of Marketing and Communications regarding designating/volunteer someone to sit on the Sustainability Committee.

Campus LED Retrofit Update – Dr. Harris updated the committee, starting to add additional LED lighting for safety issues and lighting upgrades on the Greens between parking garage 44 and building 45. Tackling some of the larger buildings (43, 45 and 64) this semester. At the end of the calendar year UNF will be close to being a LED campus. At some point Dr. Harris would like to publish some data on what this look like as far as energy. From a maintenance standpoint, the number of bulb usage and maintenance hours to change them has drastically dropped on buildings that's been completed.

Recommendations for Green Path to Campus List – Dr. Harris briefly explained going through the suggested items on the list. If it's something that could possibly direct to sustainability received \*\*, items not directly related to sustainability are "strike through". The committee members were asked to review the list and give any feedback to Dr. Harris.

Pepsi Funds – Dr. Harris informed the committee this is an added Agenda item. An engineering student, Maria Pugliese would like to use Pepsi Funds to add automatic sprinkling system in the garden. The cost is approximately \$400.00, Dr. Harris received the ok from Vince Smyth. The committee approved the use of Pepsi funds and advised paperwork to be submitted to Vince Smyth for funding.

### **Subcommittee Updates**

**Operations and Logistics** – Amy Lehnhoff

Met with Tully Burnett a few weeks ago to get some information regarding non network (desktop printers). On campus there is approximately 90 to 95 Ricoh managed multi-function devices and about 150 network devices. Other network printers aren't managed by Ricoh are about 10 years or older. Ricoh agreement expires in February 2022, will go out for bid later this year. Ricoh supplies toners for all their devices.

In 2019 UNF spent about \$100k on toner / \$60k on paper; in 2020 about \$70k on toner / \$40k on paper. Several years ago, UNF adopted a policy of not buying desktop printers.

#### Education and Research – Dr. Joshua Gellers

Free virtual event on April 9, 2021 (10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.), Environmental Center Leadership Program Spring Symposium. The Environmental Center over the course of this year has had several CEED Grants that's funded and promoted through the media relations department. UNF sent out a press release on Climate Change Survey, a project that Dr. Gellers and two other professors worked on. Dr. Gellers recognized Erin DelGrosso, a student that he worked with at the Environmental Center Leadership Program, her project was on Environmental Justice in Jacksonville. She received an honorable mention at the SOARS Conference.

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

To summarize UNF SG survey, to the question of if UNF students felt that sustainable initiatives were successfully promoted, initiatives related to Dining Services being notably first, Composting coming last, and Energy being surprisingly low. Of those respondents, about 80% said that they thought UNF needed to improve its sustainable initiatives, with students saying they wanted to see improvements initially in Energy use, and secondly in Composting. Energy coming in first on what students think needs improvement highlights a need to improve marketing on UNF's sustainable initiatives in that department for all UNF does, from the LED retrofit to LEAD certified buildings. Pertaining to UNF's designation as a botanical garden, 55% of students said they would like to see more plants on campus, 45% said they would like to see the same amount of plants and 0% said they would like to see less plants on campus.

#### Sawmill Slough Preserve – William Smith

#### Landscape and Grounds –

Physical Facilities crews are in their springtime pattern. Palms trees are being trimmed back. The crews only cut dead and hanging trees to keep as natural as possible. UNF has 204 palm trees on campus. Lot 100 has a beautification project going on. UNF designated as a botanical garden and have received a lot of volunteers due to the designation. As the volunteer list increase, plans are to share them with Ogier Gardens.

#### **Member Updates:**

Dr. Wallace Harris – Informed the committee there was an initiative several years ago to remove desktop printers that didn't go over very well. Dr. Harris asked Amy Lehnhoff to schedule a zoom meeting with Tully Burnett to investigate what other printer/device options are available.

Dr. David Lambert – Made the committee aware, from a faculty point of view the devices are not just printers, faculty use them for scanners as well.

Samantha Lento – Stated housing commitment to LED lighting is like Dr. Harris for the campus. The mechanics are not having to change light bulbs all day, every day, which is saving time and money. Samantha ask if anyone has any volunteer organizations that they work with that need any mini refrigerators, microwaves, toaster ovens, silverware, etc., please reach out to her.

Jordan Maiden – Three projects for LED lighting. First buildings 43, 45 and 64; second buildings 41, 45B, 49 and 60; final project requisition in the works for buildings 51, 42 and 39. Starting to look at LED lighting in parking garages 38 and 44.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.