

UNF Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2021

Call to Order

A meeting of the UNF Sustainability Committee was held on Thursday, May 13, 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
William Smith, Sawmill Slough Preserve Curator
Dr. Heather Truelove, Psychology Faculty

Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes from the April 8, 2021 meeting were approved.

Agenda

Membership Update – Dr. Harris asked for a motion to have a member of Marketing & Communications as a permanent member of Sustainability Committee. Motion approved for a modification of permanent membership for William “Bill” Delaney.

Dr. Harris – Made a 2nd motion to cancel the meeting for June 10, 2021, Committee approved the motion. Meetings will resume in September 2021; calendar invite will be sent out later.

Campus LED Retrofit Update – Jordan Maiden updated the Committee. There are three LED projects going on Phase 2, Phase 2A and Phase 3; ten buildings across those phases. Currently the installer (L&S) working in building 43 (University Center), mostly completed. The next buildings to be done are 45 and 45D, approximately 150 fixtures/1,700 bulbs. Immediately following the completion of 45 & 45D, the contractor will start the retrofit of the Phase 2A buildings, 41, 49 and 60. Phase 3 fixtures for buildings 51, 42, & 50 have started to arrive and upon completion of this phase, the majority of campus lighting will have been converted to LED.

Wallace Harris – Informed the Committee that Jordan Maiden and himself looking at data, due to Covid-19 it's difficult to do a comparative analysis. Data compared to 2019, which has an 18-month period. Energy, water, and gas consumption is down. It's hard to attribute to what with students being in and out the buildings in the last 18 months. A bracket will be placed around 18 months of data so that it will not be used for any comparative analysis of energy usage.

Recommendations for Green Path to Campus List – Dr. Harris reviewed the list with committee. This document is a recommendation only. Suggestion was made to change the name “Meatless Monday” item on the list. Kevin Anderson asked to add, volunteer at Ogier Gardens on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday. Final suggestions should be submitted to Wallace Harris by Friday, May 21, 2021.

Subcommittee Updates

Operations and Logistics – Amy Lehnhoff

1. The printer item - there will be either an RFP or cooperative contract.
2. Ogier Gardens, Kevin Anderson will be meeting with student government president and vice president, they may have an interest in maintenance.
3. Awarding the campus architects bid soon, reaching out to them to possibly give UNF a rendering for compost building.
4. Hydration station location- recommendation is where building 11 used to be.
5. Topic of free trade - discussed website updates and reaching out to the bookstore regarding updating their website with any fair-trade product locations and items.
6. Housing has been placing a QR code on the back of all residential doors, residents may submit a maintenance request which result in avoidance of water loss.

Education and Research – Dr. Joshua Gellers – No Update

Community Outreach and Student Experience – Nathaniel Rodefer – No Update

Sawmill Slough Preserve – William Smith

Landscape and Grounds –

Physical Facilities hosted outside COLLAB, a sold-out event. Various tours of campus were conducted. During the tours, discussions were had regarding the botanical garden and upcoming presidential rose garden. A lot of positive comments were offered about the Gardens during the campus tours. The big trend this year in landscape and architecture is sustainability and landscaping. The grounds crew is reducing nitrogen in keeping with campus beautification.

Member Updates:

Dr. Wallace Harris – Informed the committee that UNF will host FLAPPA in March 2022, most of the seminars will be held at the University Center. The theme is focused on Sustainability. More details will be provided to the committee in the coming months.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.