

# UNF Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

## September 16, 2021

### **Call to Order**

A meeting of the UNF Sustainability Committee was held on Thursday, September 16, 2021 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Dr. Wallace Harris, Chairman.

### **Attendees**

Dr. Wallace Harris (Chair), Physical Facilities	Amy Lehnhoff, Procurement Services
Kevin Anderson, Ogier Gardens	Samantha Lento, Housing
Tully Burnett, Director Business Services	Nathaniel Rodefer, Student Government
Dylan Charles, Undergraduate Studies	William Smith, Sawmill Slough Preserve Curator
William "Bill" Delaney, Marketing & Communications	James Taylor, Environmental Center Coordinator
Joseph Lachina, Chartwells	Dr. Heather Truelove, Psychology Faculty
Dr. Erin Largo-Wight, Environmental Center Director	

### **Agenda**

Membership Update – Dr. Harris welcomed William "Bill" Delaney, Marketing & Communications to the Sustainability Committee. Tully Burnett, Director Business Services replaced Vince Smyth, VP A&F.

Dr. Harris – Made a motion for Dr. Heather Truelove to replace Dr. Joshua Gellers on Education and Research. Dr. Truelove accepted the position.

Dr. Harris – Acknowledged the passing of Dr. Lambert, he was very instrumental in the formation of the Sustainability Committee.

Campus LED Retrofit Update – Dr. Harris updated the Committee (Jordan Maiden out of the office). An overview update, currently working on building 51, which is the last major building on main campus. Upon completion at the end of the month, essentially the main campus will be LED. Water was a huge reduction, mostly on the housing side. Natural gas consumption went up and cost increase. The campus didn't receive the electrical reduction as anticipated; mainly due to loss of humans on campus, and extra amount of outdoor air increase required due to Covid-19. UNF spent a lot more energy maintaining humidity levels. The campus received some savings which was offset in other areas.

### **Subcommittee Updates**

Operations and Logistics – Amy Lehnhoff – No Update

Education and Research – Dr. Heather Truelove

Dr. Truelove and Dr. Largo-Wight have a Grant with NOAA and Eckerd College to reduce plastic consumption on campus.

Community Outreach and Student Experience – Nathaniel Rodefer

Trying to better utilize the subcommittee, interjecting into various student environmental themed and organizations on campus. On the student side, this help provide better outreach sustainability committee and make students more aware there are paths to impact change on campus.

Sawmill Slough Preserve – William Smith

First Coast News did an article on controlled burns and what's being done at UNF. UNF haven't been able to do control burns due to needing, 100% ideal conditions. Focused on limiting fire hazard in the Preserves. Presently working with Division of Forestry, they came out and did an assessment on high fuel areas. Those areas are being mowed. Mowing does achieve the same outcome but control burns releases nutrients back into the ground for a healthier habitat.

**Member Updates:**

Dr. Wallace Harris – Informed the Committee on recyclables. Approximately five years ago China consumed 60% of recyclables. China has stopped accepting recyclables, plastic, mixed paper, things of that sort. There's no longer a market for those items.

Kevin Anderson –

1. Rhonda Gracie the campus horticulturist is working for the campus to be certified by [Bee Campus USA](#). William Smith will likely have an update on the timeline for this to be completed by the next meeting.
2. An apiary will be located on fenced property near the Ogier Gardens by the end of October. Two hives as well as technical support and oversight has been donated by local beekeeper, George Sares. A new student club has sprung up that will allow students to engage and learn about beekeeping: the [UNF Beekeeping Club](#). There are plans to add a bee nectar garden around the apiary.

Tully Burnett – Campus will probably not be getting Pepsi in cans. Presently having a problem in the supply chain getting materials to make plastic bottles. Pepsi contract end on June 30, 2022, currently negotiating new contract with Pepsi.

Samantha Lento – Water reduction was massive. Anytime a building has or suspect to have an alarm, the building was immediately checked. Deployed maintenance magnets in five or seven housing areas, this helped with detection of leaks.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.