

# UNF Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

## January 20, 2022

### **Call to Order**

A meeting of the UNF Sustainability Committee was held on Thursday, January 20, 2022, 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  
Joseph Lachina, Chartwells  
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**

No Minutes to approve, December 2021 meeting was canceled.

### **Agenda**

Membership Update – Dr. Harris, informed the committee that Dr. Adam Rosenblatt added as an at large member. Dr. Rosenblatt was not present at the meeting.

Campus LED Retrofit Update – Jordan Maiden updated the committee.

**Phase 2:** bldg. 43 – complete, bldg. 45 – 76 lamps remaining, bldg. 64 – complete

**Phase 2A:** bldg. 41 – complete, bldg. 45D – complete, bldg. 49 – complete, bldg. 60 – 4 fixtures remaining

**Phase 3:** bldg. 39 – 38 fixtures remaining, bldg. 42 – complete, bldg. 51 – 204 fixtures remaining

**Campus totals:** 2x2 and 2x4 fixtures replaced – 3539 / lamps replaced – 1625

Dr. Harris – will start comparative analysis on utilities, which is part of a goal in physical facilities. UNF has had a major utility increase on campus. The department anticipate the lighting project to pay dividends to keep the budget even this year. Due to covid 19 and shutdowns, data will be compared to 2019. By the end of calendar year, anticipate campus will be all LED.

### **Subcommittee Updates**

**Operations and Logistics** – Amy Lehnhoff – No Update

**Education and Research** – Dr. Heather Truelove

The Grant that Dr. Largo-Wight and Dr. Truelove has been working on will be having a clean-up on February 12, 2022. Also, there will be a seminar on plastic consumption coming up, seminars are done several times a year. The environmental leadership program will have a symposium of all the new leaders in April.

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

Nathaniel asked Dr. Harris if he received an email highlighting the responses found in Student Government's October Roundtable. Dr. Harris stated that he did not receive the email.

Sawmill Slough Preserve – William Smith

The grounds staff will start cleaning out fire breaks within the next three to four weeks. William Smith met with division of forestry and mowed several of the areas that were identified as high fuel hazards. The staff will continue mowing due to fire hazard. Firewise mowing is more cost effective than prescribed burns. Currently working on identifying and the removal of invasive plants in the preserve. The Brazilian Pepper was found in the preserve, it's Florida's most invasive plant. This plant is typically not found this far north. The Brazilian Pepper can choke out and take over an area. The department plan to utilize the assistance from The First Coast Invasive Working Group, this group is highly trained on invasive plants.

**Member Updates:**

Dr. Wallace Harris – on the west side of campus, the walkway that goes to lot 14; in the process of placing a pedestrian bridge across the walkway. One safety item is students walking through the woods at night to the parking area. An elevated walkway will be installed. Part of this project will restore the natural water flow through the area that was changed due to the walkway. The walkway will be lit and able to see from end to end.

Sam Lento – majority of the residential areas has been changed to LED.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.