

UNF Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2022

Call to Order

A meeting of the UNF Sustainability Committee was held on Thursday, April 21, 2022, 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
Kevin Anderson, Ogier Gardens
Dylan Charles, Undergraduate Studies
Joseph Lachina, Chartwells
Dr. Erin Largo-Wight, Environmental Ctr. Director
Samantha Lento, Housing

Jordan Maiden, Energy Coordinator, PHYSFAC
Dr. Adam Rosenblatt, Biology
William Smith, Sawmill Slough Preserve Curator
James Taylor, Environmental Center Coordinator
Dr. Heather Truelove, Psychology Faculty

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes from March 10, 2022, meeting was approved.

Agenda

Membership Update – Dr. Harris received an email from Madison Smith (staff member) with extensive sustainability background and would like to join the committee. The committee agreed to invite Madison Smith to next meeting.

Campus LED Retrofit Update – Jordan Maiden updated the committee on LED retrofit across campus. The work has been completed through phase three, about ten buildings, approximately 4,000 fixtures. Final ones finished in building 51 and a few left over in building 39, around 672 fixtures replaced. This should reduce wattage consumption nearly 28,000 watts per year. LED retrofit project completed in parking garages 38, 44 and walkway lights in parking lot 18, about 589 fixtures and lamps replaced. In the future, will be going back through buildings checking for any fixtures, lamps and lights that was missed or not included in previous project. Have identified around 3,300 different fixtures, lamps and lights that can be replaced.

Subcommittee Updates

Operations and Logistics – Amy Lehnhoff

Dr. Harris informed the committee, anticipate having most of the fluorescent, high pressure sodium, HID off campus by next fiscal year. The staff completed TCO report prepared for the buildings, presently reviewing the data that's built in FAMIS. Soon, the TCO's for campus will be shared with the committee and publish on sustainability and physical facilities website.

Education and Research – Dr. Heather Truelove

The Grant with NOAA and Eckerd College a last-minute request for an additional seminar. A group came to Jacksonville and did a talk on investigating plastic consumption in ocean and reducing plastic use. The Environmental Leadership Program had their Spring Symposium. An amazing opportunity for students to present the work they have been doing on environmental initiatives.

Community Outreach and Student Experience – Nathaniel Rodefer

No update

Sawmill Slough Preserve – William Smith

Met with division of forestry and focused on targeting areas next year for burning and Firewise mowing. Staff will concentrate efforts on the northside, last burn was around 2013; trying to keep the trails maintained. During FLAPPA about 50 people attended a tour in the preserve. A lot of calls have been received regarding when maintenance will be done on the boardwalk.

Member Updates:

Nathaniel Rodefer elected student government president.

Wallace Harris – informed the committee, funding for maintenance on the boardwalk is funded by recreation. There is pricing but lumber is extremely expensive right now. The project does not meet definition of education and general. The cost is there, will need to find funding for maintenance repairs. There's different color of money that is used for various projects.

James Taylor – would like the committee to investigate funding for the boardwalk repairs in the preserve. Students, staff, alumni etc. are constantly complaining about the condition in the preserve. UNF website is being redone, would like to create a dedicated website for the preserve. Also informed the committee that the bookstore has taken over textbook recycling. The bookstore will now oversee emptying the bin, collecting, and continue recycling the books.

Dr. Largo-Wight – expressed a desire for repairs in the preserve trails to be done. The preserve is a part of education and research, students use the trails as field trips. The condition is unsafe to utilize in the present state.

Kevin Anderson – Bee Campus USA had their first meeting. Looking at raising awareness about the new agreement that UNF has signed to have a bee friendly campus. The committee is planning a launch event on World Bee Day (May 20), more details will follow.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.