Joint Sustainability Committee Meeting

11/10/2016 - 1:00-3:00pm

Reitz Union Rm 2140

Attendance

David Looney

Matt Williams

John Duncan

Mark Robinson

Connie Nicklin

Liz Storn

Jenny Olmstead

Ruth Steiner (phone)

1. Minutes reviewed
   1. Minutes from 10/13/2016 meeting approved unanimously
2. Strategic Development Plan
   1. Matt Williams reviewed the progress of the UF Strategic Development Plan
   2. Vist [uf.dumontjanks.com](http://uf.dumontjanks.com/) to review public facing progress so far
   3. The UFSDP covers 4 main topics:
      1. The New American City
         1. What kind of city does Gainesville want to be?
            1. Connect talent to issues
            2. Form a cooperative body
            3. Create a smart city lab
            4. Establish an innovative investment strategy
            5. Promote university programs downtown
      2. Proximity
         1. Creating a dense downtown core to bring varied populations together
            1. Concentrate on-campus development
            2. Plan for implementation
            3. Undertake a residential life plan
            4. Concentrate downtown development
      3. University/Neighborhood Interaction
         1. How does the University interact/affect/engage with the neighborhoods surrounding campus
      4. Stewardship
         1. How does campus utilize resources better? How do we tell that story effectively?
            1. Plan campus open space and infrastructure
            2. Partner with city on environmental issues
            3. Develop model efficient resource cycles
            4. Promote model healthy food streams

Discussion between Mark Robinson and David Looney regarding how the Pepsi contract will impact this goal

The university has implemented some programs to address this, including re-stocking vending machines with healthier options

Sales of carbonated beverages have significantly dropped in recent years

* 1. Sustainability is tied to all of the primary topics
     1. VP Lane has announced research grants to benefit the community and improve sustainability as implementation of the plan moves forward
     2. The JSC has the potential to help shape implementation as well
  2. Campus needs to develop many master plans on topics from energy and transportation to landscaping
  3. Discussion of the campus density plan
     1. Parking garage project near Reitz/Engineering
        1. Why must more parking be placed in the center of campus?
           1. Service economy is the driving factor

Employees want to be able to make meetings on time more than they want access to their personal vehicles

* + - * 1. Discussion of the desire for satellite parking

Often defeated by those seeking convenience

* + - * 1. Sustainability Committee could take a stand on some of these issues
    1. Discussion of light rail/public transit on Newell Dr.
    2. Discussion of importance of changing culture and addressing barriers as roles for JSC
  1. New opportunities for the JSC to send members to future meetings as implementation approaches

1. Discussion
   1. David Looney discussed his thoughts on improving the goals and focus of the JSC to increase effectiveness
   2. Liz Storn discussed the process of the Green Office Certifications program that was initiated last year
      1. The JSC can contribute by recognizing certified offices
      2. Our interns are currently evaluating the Office of Sustainability to compare to other offices that have enrolled as pilots
         1. The results will be used to calibrate the system that has been developed for certification
      3. The JSC may be able to contribute its expertise to improve the process
      4. The [sustainable.ufl.edu](http://sustainable.ufl.edu/) website has been updated with additional information
   3. Discussion of STARS gaps process
      1. Identifying and addressing STARS gaps is a priority for the committee and the Office of Sustainability going forward
      2. Gap report will be issued ahead of next JSC meeting
   4. Policy sub-committee
      1. Helmet Policy was discussed
         1. Change from bicycle and scooters to cover vehicles ranging from skateboards to segways
      2. Purchasing policy was discussed
         1. It is very complicated and a daunting task for the group to tackle
            1. It will remain on the list of policies to review and revise in the current year
      3. If any member would like to join a sub-committee they can contact Jacob Adams at [jacobadams@ufl.edu](mailto:jacobadams@ufl.edu) for more information
   5. Discussion of results of Transportation Fair live surveys
   6. Discussion of the mission of the JSC
      1. Where should we point our effort going forward?
         1. Identifying and dismantling barriers
         2. Focusing on achievable projects
         3. Work to keep conversations going via email each month
         4. Telling the campus sustainability story
   7. David Looney discussed his work with the dining group about composting
      1. Dining is beginning to weigh and photo-document what is being discarded in order to evaluate what is being sent out and if it can be otherwise used instead of discarded
      2. The hope is to increase efficiency and reduce costs/prices
   8. John Duncan discussed his count of North Reitz Lawn bikes on racks
      1. He found 30+ bikes that appeared to be abandoned out of approx 190 spaces
2. Meeting adjourned at 2:29pm