**Sustainability Committee Agenda***10:00AM on Thursday, October 16th, 2014*

*UAA Stadium Conference Room*

**Attendees:**

Tara Cataldo

Jacob Adams

Matt Williams

Allison Vitt

Jackie Ayers

Kelly Bergen

Katie Emery

Connie Nicklin

Ruth Steiner

Ravis Srinivasan

Megan Walker-Radtke

Liz Storn

Allen Masters

Kyle Rodriguez

Theresa Badurek

Les Thiele

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Cataldo called meeting to order at 10:07am
2. **Office Update** –Matt Williams
   1. Introductions of the committee members
   2. Introduction of the Staff of the Office of Sustainability
3. **Election of the Cha**ir
   1. Nominations
      1. Tara Cataldo
      2. No other nominations made
   2. Tara Cataldo was elected as chair by unanimous vote of the committee members in attendance

**2. Agenda Review**

1. Campus Master Plan Presentation by Linda Dixon
2. Chairperson Cataldo presented her research on other CMP from across the country
3. Discussion of Sustainability Committee Goals Draft document (see attached)

**3. Important Dates**

**4. Old Business**

**5. New Business**

* 1. Campus Master Plan Presentation by Linda Dixon
     1. The MP includes sustainability throughout. After the presentation a discussion of including sustainability in the MP guiding principles will be held.
     2. Presentation Notes:
        1. MP is currently in update phase.
        2. The MP is a long-range vision for growth on campus, intended to guide land use decisions, building locations, etc. Works in coordination with host government (Alachua county/Gainesville city). An open and transparent process.
           1. What are our impacts on community (services, infrastructure)?
           2. 10 year planning horizon (construction, projects, auxiliaries, etc.)
           3. MP committee approves new projects
           4. Campus development agreement (city/county/UF) to monitor impact of projects and provide funding to mitigate impacts (transit, emergency services, etc.)
           5. Guided by FL statutes and internal guidelines
           6. Many committees have representation on the MP committee
        3. MP is adopted by UF Board of Trustees
        4. Discussion of Current MP (2005-2015)
           1. Steering Committee, Transportation Committee, and Conservation Committees all acted
           2. A high-level policy document with an expected structure
           3. Sustainability covered throughout the plan
           4. Vision and Values Statements used to guide MP development
           5. Discussion of structure of ‘05-‘15 MP
        5. Question and Discussion RE: low-impact construction policies
           1. Why are more paving projects not using pervious materials?

Engineering and maintenance issues restrict the ability to use these materials on all projects

* + - * 1. Why are trees removed and not replaced with other shade providing species?

The land use committees (Lakes, Vegetation, & Landcaping) make these determinations on a case by case basis. The MP is designed to give broader guidelines on this type of issue.

* + - * 1. Who determines design standards?

Committees are not represented. Pertinent offices on campus are involved.

* + - 1. Conservation Policies in MP
         1. Determines which sites can be developed and which sites must be preserved

447 acres of campus have been set aside under this policy

“No Net Loss” policy in place

Conservation at satellite properties is also designated in MP

* + - 1. Transportation Policies include guidelines and implementation for:
         1. Gotcha Ride
         2. ZimRide
         3. ZipCar
         4. Transportation Access Fees
         5. Parking Policies
         6. State Vehicle Policies
         7. RTS
         8. Employee Carpool Program
         9. Campus Cab
         10. Goal to reduce number of fleet vehicles/reduce need for parking on campus
         11. Parking Pricing Policies
      2. MP Includes LEED Specific credit criteria. Future MP will likely include a broader look at other green building policies.
         1. Could funds be focused on projects outside of the LEED paradigm that would create a better value and impact on campus sustainability? Yes, it’s possible.
      3. Development Concepts
         1. General approach is strategic infill in developed areas of campus.
         2. Goals to protect conservation areas, open areas, recreational fields, research areas, agricultural areas
      4. Amendments
         1. Only 6 minor changes.
         2. Those related to land use affected only 9 acres.
      5. Sustainability Implementation
         1. Sustainability Action Plan
         2. Carbon Neutral Plan
         3. STARS Reporting
         4. Audubon Certification
      6. Land-Use Analysis
         1. Discussion of LUA map
         2. Walking Distance Map Discussed
         3. Discussion of Future LU map and acreage proportions

Active Recreation – Outdoor areas showing largest loss: due to some sites not being used, student recreation not interested in using sites across 34th st.

May also see a covered football practice field

Norman Field may see covered recreational space

Discussion of parking changes

* + - 1. Schedule of future MP meetings and events reviewed
      2. Question & Answer Portion
         1. Why do we need to build more buildings when current spaces are under-utilized?

There is a backlog from previous growth

Educational Plant Survey shows deficiencies in space per FTE

Student recreation facilities show a deficit

Changing nature of research to keep up with current trends. Campus lacks facilities.

Housing expectations from students

* + - * 1. When are recommendations needed?

ASAP. Draft documents should be completed by end of November

* + 1. Chairperson Cataldo presented her research on other CMP from across the country
       1. U Missouri combined their climate action plan with their MP
          1. Include sustainability on their guiding principles
       2. U TX Austin added task groups for sustainability
          1. Entire section on integrating sustainability in MP
       3. Cornell includes sustainability with a close tie in with climate action
    2. Does the committee want to present changes or suggestions to the MP Steering Committee?
       1. Yes, the committee will draft changes to present. A call will be put out for a small group to meet quickly and draft suggestions.
  1. Side Discussion
     1. Per Matt Williams: President Fuchs’ thoughts on sustainability - sustainability is dependent on operations/academics connection. He did not discuss specifics but cited an interest in continuing the campus’ sustainability initiatives.
  2. Discussion of Sustainability Committee Goals Draft document (see attached)
     1. Goals presented were created by the summer UFSC task force. 7 goals were discussed.
     2. Matt Williams presented a quick run-through of the 7 goals
     3. Each goal can have a small task force or sub-committee to take on the specific business of its goals
     4. Primary goals from OOS: climate action plan revision, reporting needs. OOS would like the committee to engage as staff and faculty to encourage longer term implementation of efforts.

**6. Announcements**

**Meeting adjourned by Chair Cataldo at 12:01 pm.**

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, November 20th, 2014 – Stadium Conference Rm. 235