

## UF Sustainability Committee - Minutes

12/16/2021, 12:30-2:30

Virtual Zoom meeting

### Attendees:

**Members:** Ariel Pomputius, Andrew Zimmerman, Jeff Boissoneault, Matt Williams, Elizabeth McAlister, Leslie Thiele, Flora Iff-Noel, Allen Masters, Meredith Beaupre, H el ene Huet, Jessica-Jean Stonecipher, Cindy Craig, Jodi Chase

**Excused:** John Duncan

**Guests/Non-Members:** Liz Storn, Kaylee August, Corey Farmer

### Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 12:32 (**Ariel Pomputius**, Chair)

### Approval of Minutes

**Meredith Beaupre** moved to approve the minutes from November 18, 2021. The motion was seconded by **Andrew Zimmerman**.

### Old Business

#### **Central Energy Plant**

**Ariel** presented the revised draft Resolution to the committee, stating that revisions were made by subcommittee based on recommendations from Infrastructure Council. **Jeff Boissoneault** noted that most of the changes recommended were minor, focusing on strengthening the language. A discussion was held about asking the Infrastructure Committee to make any recommended changes, and it was agreed that if there are minor changes, Ariel will request that they do them. **Leslie Thiel** asked whether we should add a specific timeline to the delay that we are requesting. **Jeff** responded that he couldn't think of a non-arbitrary deadline, but suggested changing the language to "delay until further study". The change was agreed to by the committee. **Andy** wondered when the Climate Action Plan v2.0 will be released. **Matt Williams** noted that we still have at least a month of internal work as well as needing to get administration approval. **Izzy McAlister** asked about including the language that we had discussed last month about the factors that limit our ability to purchase green power. **Jeff** noted that was included in the recommendation to VP Curtis Reynolds, but he didn't want the draft resolution to get too confusing.

#### Voting:

1. Language of the Resolution  
8 Voted for, 2 abstained
2. Send Resolution to Infrastructure Council  
8 voted yes, 1 voted no, 1 abstained

#### Recommendation to VP Curtis Reynolds

**Jeff** presented the recommendation and noted that it was prepared with additional details and citations that could not be included in the draft Resolution. The committee approved the language, and a vote was held to send to VP Reynolds or not.

#### Voting to send to VP Reynolds

9 voted yes, 1 no, 1 abstain

### **ESG (Environmental, Social & Governance) Criteria in UF Investing**

**Ariel** reported that the Budget Council met on Monday and they excited to see the recommendation when we send it to them after discussing these revisions. Budget Council noted that draft resolutions are also new ground for them, although the Chair of the Faculty Senate suggested that a resolution would be better. For now, it was determined to send it forward as a Recommendation. Ariel presented

the changes made in response to last month's meeting. A discussion was held around specific language, especially regarding the Policy Review section and how to make it more actionable.

#### Voting to send to the Budget Council

8 voted yes, 0 no, 0 abstained

#### **New Business**

**Ariel** provided some background and information about the role of a Vice Chair, and a discussion was held about some of the time requirements and duties. Anyone interested should contact either Ariel or Liz Storn.

#### **Roundtable updates**

##### **OoS**

- Matt stated that he is a voting member for dining contract selection committee, and he wanted to thank the committee for their interest in the process and letter sent in support of sustainability in the ITN. He noted that sustainability has been specifically discussed by the ITN committee and central to the conversation.
- Kaylee August, newest Program Coordinator with the Office of Sustainability was introduced
- The Climate Action Plan is moving towards a conclusion, with current work around actions and implementation of the goals identified through the process.

##### **Library**

- Working to start programming back up

##### **Other committees**

- Ariel noted that the items that we're bringing to the other committees are topics of great interest.

##### **Stormwater**

- Izzy mentioned that as part of our stormwater permits, we are required to do educational outreach on campus. She is doing presentations about our stormwater system to student groups and has asked for the groups' help identifying groups that might be interested.

##### **Next meeting**

- Liz noted that Scott Fox and Jeremiah McInnis with Transportation and Parking Services (<https://taps.ufl.edu/>) will be at the next meeting to discuss current transportation and parking initiatives and answer any questions. Please get questions to Liz ahead of time if possible. Jeff noted that he'd be interested in learning more about EV Charging on campus. Flora asked about reinstating the bus lines that have been cut due to COVID. Liz responded that they will talk about RTS, but that it is not a UF bus service, and the main issue has been the lack of qualified drivers which has necessitated reducing routes.

#### **Meeting Adjourned**

**Izzy McAlister** moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:49pm. The motion was seconded by **Jeff Boissoneault**.