

Committee on Facilities

Meeting minutes from 02/12/2024

Committee Members Present:

Mathew S Mundy, Jeffrey Lee Benjamin, Jon Calabria, Michelle Cook, Gwynne M Darden, Byron "Bud" J Freeman, Virginia Fleming, Mathew Vernon Bilskie, Bernadette Heckman, Thea Ellenberg, John L Turner, Derrick Gregory, Jeremy Gibbs, Kyleigh Weaver, Mary Ann McCrackin, Karl F. Lehtreck

Committee Members Absent/Excused

Ash Sial, Bynum Boley, Kevin J Burke, Casie Renee Legette, Charles A Easley, Ankush Sharma, Michelle Lynn Lofton, Melissa Redmon, Christopher Shumway, Mary Jenkins

Agenda

- A. Welcome and Introductions
- B. Approval of the minutes from the November 7, 2023, meeting
- C. Action Items
- D. Information Items
 - 1. Pedestrian and Vehicular Safety
- E. Old Business
- F. New Business
- G. Closing Action Items
- H. Adjournment

Minutes

1. Meeting was called to order via zoom on Feb 12, 2024. The committee welcomed Dr. Michelle G. Cook (Vice president of Student Affairs).
2. Minutes from November 7, 2023 were approved.
3. Action items.
 - a) Feasibility Study for a proposed express bus route along extant N-S campus railway.
 - b) North Deck Eastern Entrance area: A gate was opened to allow additional pedestrian access.
 - c) Updates on Riverbend sidewalk and the Mitchell Street corridor (Matthew Mundy)

d) Traffic safety near Driftmeyer Bldg (College of Engineering): The sidewalk along Agriculture Drive needs a curb (Matt Bilskie).

e) Scooters:

1) Some scooter drivers fail to obey traffic rules (use of sidewalks etc.). Major D. Gregory (UGA Police) notes solicitor will process citations and there is educational material on the UGA Police website.

2) Scooters are stored inside buildings blocking hallways etc. Major D. Gregory (UGA Police) informs the committee that rules need to be established by the responsible persons in the buildings. The fire-marshal should be consulted if escape routes are affected.

3) Some bike racks are full and requests for additional bike racks should be directed to Gwynne M Darden.

f) Karl Lechtreck ask whether the committee should discuss various environmental issues on campus (such as energy efficiency of buildings). Jeffrey Benjamin updated the committee on constraints in building energy efficiency (e.g., high humidity, setpoints, lack of modernization in some facilities) and various efforts undertaken already to save energy and other resources (e.g., electric vehicles will be considered first when new a purchase is required, electric robotic lawn mowers, draught resistant plants, evaluating campus green zone, participation of students interested in campus sustainability)

4. Action items

Chair requested update on measures ensuring building energy efficiency from Jeff Benjamin for March 11 meeting and Gwynne Darden will prepare an update of the discussion and planning of the feasibility study of the campus railway for the April 8 meeting.

5. Meeting adjourned.