

Committee on Facilities (unofficial meeting minutes to be voted on at next meeting)

Minutes from 9/6/24 3PM

Members Present:

Matt Mundy, Jon Calabria, Ashfaq Sial, Karl Lechtreck, Bynum Boley, Casie Legette, Danielle Zeitlin, Denis Dumas, Emily Lawler, Gwynne Darden, Jeffrey Clark, Jeffrey Benjamin, Jeremy Gibbs, John Turner, Karl Lechtreck, Kim Landrum, Kyleigh Weaver, Mary Ann McCrackin, Melissa Redmon, Michelle Cook, Virginia Fleming

Members Not in Attendance:

Adrian Marin, Matt Bilskie, Charles Van Rees, Bernadette Heckman, Chas Easley, Jeremy Gibbs, Thea Ellenberg

University Council Committee on Facilities Fall 2024 Meeting Agenda

September 6, 2024, 3PM

Roll Call

Reports – E.g. Facilities, Energy and Utilities, Campus Safety, Master Planning, Capital Projects.

Informational Items - Staff Council votes to officially give permanent standing committee Status to Environment and Sustainability within the Staff Council and amend Bylaws.

Action Items (Submitted to the Chair)

- University Circle – lack of sidewalk
- Undergraduate dorms – removal of several outdoor sport facilities w/o replacement
- Gillis Bridge closure on game day – lack of alternative ADA, stroller etc. accessible routes
- EV Charging Station Campus locations, maps, additional resources.

Old Business (Mitchell Street Corridor Pedestrian Safety and Improvements – Final Staff Council Resolution)

New Business 1. (Ramsey Student Center) – pool hours and staffing reductions.

2. Scheduling for final Fall Semester meeting

Adjourn At 4pm

Chair Matt Mundy called the meeting to order.

He shared that the Staff Council recognizes the Environment and Sustainability Committee as official standing committee.

Agenda items were discussed by the committee and several action items were indicated with no motions raised.

New Business

Committee members raised several issues related to campus safety.

Pedestrian safety concerns are noted at University Court where a road was constructed without a sidewalk and bike lane. However, at least a sidewalk on the south side will be added soon. It was noted that sidewalk and bike lanes should be constructed concurrent with road construction and not added afterward. Also mentioned was the bike lane should be free flow uphill to minimize losing momentum on uphill climb.

Concerns were also raised regarding the conversion of recreational tennis and basketball courts near graduate housing into parking areas. Prior to conversion, students with the residence hall association were notified and provided input preferring an increase in parking. It was noted that replacement facilities should be considered to replace loss of recreational and wellness opportunities for students, faculty and staff.

Action item: Danielle to poll students about parking concerns related to distribute recreation facilities on campus.

Concerns were raised about the complete closure of Sanford Bridge to non-game attendees having ADA access across the bridge and game attendees not being allowed to cross the bridge once they exited the stadium. Other considerations for crossing include older attendees and parents with children.

Action Item: Investigate pedestrian ADA bridge crossing for non-attendees during game day.

Concerns about the lack of electric vehicle charging stations in parking areas were raised. It was noted that charging stations will be removed from decks due to fire hazard.

Action item: Danielle to poll students about EV parking and graduated fees depending on vehicle size/efficiency.

Old Business

Kudos to those who helped resolve pedestrian conflicts at Mitchell Street, no updates on extant rail line reuse.

Future Concerns to Address

Concerns about the availability of recreation pool access were raised by user group. It was noted there are several constraints forcing reduction in operational hours at Ramsey Center and its pools due to life guard labor shortage and uncompetitive wages for life guards.

Action item: User group to directly contact Dr Cook.

Motion to adjourn and seconded was accepted and future meeting dates will be circulated at later time.