

Appendix A. Infrastructure Committee Minutes

Infrastructure Committee Minutes

Oct 18, 2022

Room 110 GUC

Present:

Dr. Mel Blake (Chair)

Dr. Vince Brewton (COAD)

Mr. Evan Thornton (CFO)

Old Business: None.

New Business

- (1) Introductions
- (2) Chair apologized for the late scheduling of the meeting, waiting for more responses to the Doodle. The next meeting will be scheduled further in advance
- (3) Chair presented the charges to the committee as outlined by the shared governance. The chair presented that there were no meetings for at least two years, and no minutes from meetings since 2018.
 - It was then discussed the fact that the committee is purely advisory and thus has no business unless asked to do work.
 - The chair pointed out that there was no restriction on the committee initiating studies and developing advice on improving infrastructure on its own initiative
- (4) Discussion was made over student concerns over the Internet service in the dorms being slower and unreliable. It was pointed out by Mr. Thornton that that upgrades have been made several times the past few years.
- (5) It was suggested by the chair that a study of students/faculty/staff could be done to find out what those groups on campus saw as a priority for infrastructure. It was pointed out by Mr. Thornton that the likely suggestion from students would be parking. Dr. Brewton and Mr. Thornton also pointed out that conducting surveys required certain protocols. It was suggested that Ms. Molly Mathis at Institutional Research be contacted as to how to proceed.
- (6) A discussion took place about lighting on campus. It was pointed out by Mr. Thornton that the campus recently upgraded its lighting to be more energy efficient. Dr. Brewton recalled an earlier light pollution plan presented by the chair to the committee previously. The chair discussed how the issue with light pollution was with regards to the direction of the lighting, and further savings could be realized with improvements. It was suggested by Mr. Thornton that a document could be prepared outlining such additional savings and presented. It was also suggested by the chair that the campus could strive for International Dark Sky Association recognition, with work coordinate with Sustainability Center.

- (7) It was pointed out by Mr. Thornton that the committee is to review the campus master plan and so that was placed on the list of action items for the next meeting.
- (8) Meeting was adjourned.

Action Items

- (1) The Chair will contact Ms. Molly Mathis about the protocols for conducting a campus survey.
- (2) The Chair will begin preparing a study of additional energy savings for improved lighting.
- (3) The committee is asked to review with Campus Master Plan so we may discuss updates to the document at the next meeting. <https://una.edu/strategic-plan/index.html>
- (4) A vice chair, who will take over as chair next year (2023/2024) is still needed.