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To: FIU Faculty Senate Environment & Planning Committee

Re: MINUTES for Wednesday, 30OCT2013 Meeting

Dear E&P Committee Members,

The following minutes are submitted for your approval:

In attendance:

Committee: Roberto Rovira, Chair (CARTA), Peter Craumer, Vice Chair (A&S; via video conference from BBC), Yon Cai (A&S / Chemistry), Mahadev Bhat (Earth & Environment / Agroecology), David Rifkind (CARTA / Architecture), Xia Jin (Engineering / Civil & Environmental Engineering)

Ex-officio: Ryan Vogel (Office of Sustainability / FIU Preserve), Robert Griffith (Facilities), Tony Vu (Treasurer)

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1. **Review of Minutes**

2. **Discussion:**

1. *Recycling on campus:* Should have university-wide consistency
 - a. Shared 11 images provided by the Office of Sustainability that show different containers and recycling stations at MMC
 - b. Roberto: Only 2 recycling stations when traversing from Frost to PG5 through GC
 - i. Recycling standards could be analogous to setting the Graphic Standards that promote the FIU brand or the Breathe Easy campaign
 - c. Hard to educate public about how to recycle with the diversity of approaches and outdated containers
 - i. Big issue is E&G buildings: FIU Facilities manages all E&G buildings but Housing, Parking, Graham Center do not fall under E&G so this causes inconsistencies in the way that recycling is handled
 1. Non E&G buildings are major centers and growing
 2. Since FIU Facilities has jurisdiction over E&G, it's logical for recycling to be coordinated through Facilities
 3. If recycling isn't in Aramark contract for non-E&G areas, they won't do it: e.g. Tailgates are not in Aramark contract and non-recycled materials are significant
 - d. FIU should manage the waste stream
 - i. Currently have an informal process of requisitioning recycling
 - ii. Historically, Facilities provides bins
 - iii. Need process for phasing out old bins
 1. Pre 2008 bins don't have "single-stream" recycling which allows for all types of recyclable materials (bottles, cans, plastics, etc.) to be put in the same bin
 2. *Policy suggestion:* Cannot get a trash can without a recycling can
 - iv. Ryan: Research shows that given the option, people do the right thing; we want to give them that option
 - v. Mahadev: There was a recycling push in 2008 and student were involved but it didn't have continuity
 - vi. Jessell: implementation should not be that difficult:
 1. don't have to wait for contracts to be up for there to be changes
 - vii. Bob Griffith: suggested having an organic waste bin and all else being single stream recycling
 1. Ryan: might be difficult to implement and would likely have to micromanage
 2. Bob: could require in contract
 - viii. Why do we still allow Styrofoam on campus?

1. Eliminating it could be part of contracts
 2. Bob: there will be costs associated with phasing out old recycling; maybe we can begin with better recycling signage; back in 2008, with budget cuts, FIU looked at ways of cutting costs by not having trash pickup as often
 3. Jessell: could we brand recycling bins to lower the expense?
 - a. Roberto: we should come up with standards so that these are consistent (i.e. bus station advertising)
 - ix. *Conclusion*: Office of Sustainability can prepare a report that discusses cost implications, best practices, and phasing of recycling at FIU and bring up for discussion at E&P committee and subsequent submission to CFO, Facilities, Senate
2. *Hotels at MMC (by PG6) and possibly at BBC: Dr. Jessell:*
- a. Have hired PK Consultants (from San Francisco) for feasibility
 - i. Expecting results in the next few weeks
 - b. Will issue competitive solicitation to see who is interested in coming to campus
 - i. FIU doesn't have resources to do a hotel ourselves; common model is to partner with established hotel operator
 - ii. Feasibility study will generate interest
 - c. BBC: Because Hospitality is located at BBC, it is an attractive option
 - i. Issue is secondary access road for hotel
 - ii. Don't think that we will be doing recreational lodging; it would be for more internal demand
 - iii. We know how many hotel stays the university pays for each year and how many conferences (i.e. we understand our needs)
 - iv. Need to have program in place that is a profitable option for hotel companies
 - d. Bob Griffith: long term vision is express bus to airport; parents visits; sports programs
 - e. Jessell: different than UF or UCF who have big games and commencement draws
 - i. these institutions host families in these hotels; they have a huge market from all over the state vs. FIU which is more local
 - ii. as we see university expanding, see greater opportunities
 - iii. Roberto: conference facilities? Yes, but will still use mostly Graham Center
 - iv. Roberto: hotel façade facing 8th St. is important consideration
3. *MAST Academy at BBC: Dr. Jessell*
- a. Part of several other schools: Homestead, Key Biscayne, FIU +
 - b. School is operational and has had good press and a lot of interest
 - c. Classrooms currently in use
 - i. about 100 students in the 9th grade; 1200 students over 4 or 5 years
 - ii. Mahadev: will have an impact on campus and use
 - iii.
 - d. Plan for grades 8-12 is that these would integrate with SEAS
 - i. Dual Enrollment is Key
 - e. Concession to FIU: if faculty have school age children, have priority to attend
 - f. FIU is an equity partner, providing land at no cost
 - g. Portables will be in for next academic year; "concretables"
 - i. eventually want to move these to a vertical model / permanent building
 - h. Bob Griffith: MMC has a school on campus and there is an MOU; not sure if School of Ed is involved (Jessell: not sure there is any involvement)
4. *Access Road for BBC: Dr. Jessell*
- a. Very complicated but it's on everyone's radar screen
 - b. There is an existing road
 - c. Argument to homeowners: property values will increase with a charter school
 - d. Steve Sauls: is actively involved [*will be next EPC guest in December*]
5. *University City Prosperity Project: Dr. Jessell [emailed presentation to EPC on 30OCT2013]*
- a. Charrettes in 2006 and 2009 for Pedestrian Bridge and Complete Street component
 - b. Facilities competitive program

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- c. By 15MAY2014 need sufficient drawings for FDOT approval by June 30th
 - d. Also getting \$1M dollars from FDOT
 - i. Mahadev: local and private funding?
 - 1. Jessell: full project is \$87M dollars + smaller project 11.3M+
 - e. Only university in the country that is being funded like this
 - f. Need 20% match on 11.3M
 - g. Project aspects: Sweetwater is giving right of way for garage; developer is putting in streetscape improvements and restoring bridge over canal
 - i. jurisdiction is by MDX and FDOT and Miami Dade Transit (planning and zoning in Miami does not have jurisdiction)
 - h. Roberto: what is the temperament of the Sweetwater community towards project?
 - i. Jessell: very very good
 - i. Sweetwater "Miracle Mile" is now 109th not 107th
 - j. Planning on having express bus service into PG6; tie into MIC goes to 836
 - k. Ambulatory Care center: in front of PG5; just finalized agreement with Miami Children's Hospital
 - l. Xia Jin: need to make the street difficult to cross so that people will use the bridge
 - i. Bob Griffith: elevator on each side of the bridge
 - 1. Want ramps for bicycles
 - m. Bob Griffith: 109th will be Complete Street Scenario (accommodates trees, cars, pedestrians, landscape, etc.)
 - n. Jessell: Tiger Grant is designed for programs that are set to go; FIU won bid before that (exception to the norm)
 - o. Bob Griffith: \$12M was cut back from \$20M
 - i. 109th doesn't go all the way up to City Hall
 - ii. \$2M went to software
 - iii. Sweetwater requires covered colonnade per code
 - p. Schedule:
 - i. Jessell: 30-40% design drawings
 - 1. by May 15th will have complete specs so that we can go to bid
 - ii. Bob Griffith: est. December of 2014: 100% CD's
 - 1. notice to proceed 15FEB2015
 - 2. Complete 28MAR 2016 (allows 1 year for construction)
6. *Fairgrounds: Dr. Jessell*
- a. FIU, the Fair, and the County Commission approved resolution to expand into the fair; three partners came together to talk formally about the process
 - b. Many positive things came from discussion about FIU's importance to community
 - c. 2 commissioners voted against because they didn't want to commit as "critical funding initiative"

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Sincerely,



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