

**Faculty Senate Environment and Planning Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, December 5, 2012, 11:00AM–12:30PM**  
**GL 835 on the MMC**  
**LIB 155 on the BBC on video**

Present Committee Members: Constance Bates (Business), Yong Cai (A&S), Peter Craumer (A&S), Hector Fuentes (Engineering), Roberto Rovira (CARTA), John Stuart (CARTA).

Present Ex-officio Committee Members: Bob Griffith (Facilities), Carrie Kashar/Ryan Vogel (OUS), Tony Vu (Treasurer).

Absent: Joel Heinen (A&S)

Visitors: Kenneth Jessell, John Cal

**1) Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- Meeting minutes for 10/3/12 and 11/5/12 were approved.

**2) Discussion of Motions for BBC**

The motions were discussed and modifications made as follows:

*Motion 1*

*In light of the current 2010–2020 Master Planning process and the environmental focus of Biscayne Bay Campus, the Faculty Senate strongly supports any actions that the University can take to ensure that current established environmental, sustainability and safety goals, policies and practices are effectively addressed on all university properties.*

*Motion 2*

*Given concerns about the safety issues raised by the inadequacy of the existing entrance to the Biscayne Bay Campus, the Faculty Senate strongly supports President Rosenberg's initiative to create a secondary entrance to BBC or to find an appropriate solution to the existing problem.*

**3) Discussion of Nature Preserve Development Plan with Ryan Vogel**

- Ryan went over the history of the area of the Nature Preserve, when it appeared on plans of the university, what types of plants are growing there now, and plans for the future.
- Ryan showed a studio from 2003 and Roberto reminded him that there had also been a landscape architecture studio in 2010 focused on the Preserve.
- Ryan mentioned the living communities on the north side, and noted that small buildings on the south side would be a good thing.
- Ryan emphasized the need for a running track and a series of work-out stations

- There was a discussion of tying plans to the Preserve closely to the Worlds Ahead Strategic Plan.
- Roberto suggested that it could be very helpful to look at the results of a 2011 charrette.
- Bob noted that the butterfly garden has been planned but is not yet funded.
- **Ryan urged the committee to consider a motion to support the preserve plan.**
- Ken Jessell asked to schedule a time to go over the Parkview Housing plan in light of the Preserve.

#### 4) Discussion with Ken Jessell on the following topics:

- **BBC: campus entrance, new facilities, mission**
  - Discussed the possibility of flooding on that low-lying campus and the difficulties that would make for exiting the campus.
  - Miami Dade mayor is looking to find ways to help
  - Deferred maintenance (\$6-8M) is a critical issue and there is a severe lack of PECO funds.
  - PG-6 should be ready by Fall 2014.
- **FIU planned/executed off-campus property acquisitions**
  - Jewish Museum to close in mid-December. It's a 19,500 sf property. All employees become FIU employees. Arts and Sciences budgets the academic components.
  - John suggested that the Jewish Museum be thought of in terms of The Wolfsonian and MBUS as a Miami Beach academic hub.
  - The Miami Beach Women's club is still owned by FIU and there is some movement forward to sell.
  - Pine Center has finished 10 years and will be closing fairly soon. New center will be in partnership with Broward College and located off of I-75. It should open in Fall 2014.
- **Preserve and student housing**
- **New buildings on all of our campuses**
- **109th entrance sidewalk safety issue update**
  - The sidewalk has been completed and the timing on the traffic lights are now being refined.
- **Bird Basin Tract and Youth Fair updates**
  - Bird Basin Tract is still in play and is very interesting to the university. It is 280 acres on 268<sup>th</sup> Street and 137<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- **Faculty Club/Graham Student Center/Business Services updates as they pertain to environmental policies**
- **FIU housing/development in Sweetwater**
  - There is a 15-story apartment building complex that is going to break ground in four weeks. The university has submitted a grant for a pedestrian bridge. PG-6, which will be in this area as well will include a bus rapid transit hub.
- **Campus lighting plan update**
  - The campus commitment to LED lighting is still going strong with the savings down the line expected to cover the initial purchase

prices. The new observatory will be able to function without lights on campus being turned off. John Cal noted that the university is looking at lighting technologies that point lights downward onto the surfaces people walk on.

- **Office of University Sustainability (leadership, building update, recycling enhancements, educational outreach)**
  - The office of university sustainability is planned to be opened in its new facility by Fall 2013.
- **Other issues??**

### **3) Meeting times for Spring 2013**

- Monday 1/28/13 2-3:30: GL 835 and LIB 155 **with James Wassenaar**
- Monday 2/25/13 2-3:30: GL 835 and LIB 155 (guest TBA)
- Monday 3/25/13 2-3:30: GL 835 and LIB 155 (guest TBA)
- Monday 4/22/13 2-3:30: GL 835 and LIB 155 **with Ken Jessell**

### **5) New Business**

### **6) Next meeting: TBD**