

FOOD SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
12/08/2021
Reitz Union room 2355

MINUTES

Attending:

Yusof Al-Wadei
Jennifer Clark
Nancy Chrystal-Green
Eddie Daniels
Jessie Furman
Beth Gankofskie
Dennis Hines
Tina Horvath
Matt Mueller
Alex Wilkerson
Anisha Patel
Emma Towler
Matthew Felicetti
David Kays
Sazzad Mabud

Tim Bucolo – Gator Dining Svcs.
Nicole Jackson – Gator Dining Svcs.
Hector Leon – Pepsi
Morgan William - Pepsi
Dwan Courtney
Danette Loyd
Bill McGinn
Jenn Moyer
Hana Prudilova McNeal
Robin Stewart
Hannah Stahmer
Hannah Ulloa
Linda Dixon
Anna Pizza

I. Call to Order

Jessie Furman called the meeting to order at 11:58am following lunch provided by Gator Dining Services.

II. Welcome and Introductions

Jessie welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked visitors to give a brief introduction.

III. Review/Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 10, 2021, meeting were approved as submitted by unanimous vote.

IV. Director of Food & Beverage Services Report

Matt Mueller

Supply chain issues continue for vendors. Pepsi is starting to see some improvements while Canteen is substituting product lines temporarily to keep machines adequately stocked.

Resident dining halls will close December 18th following finals. Minimal retail locations will remain open on campus and all dining locations will fully reopen on January 6th.

The 2nd Annual Gator's Giving Campaign raised \$602 for the food pantry which was matched by Gator Dining.

Tim mentioned sales for Local Restaurant Row have been very good and we will continue the concept in the Spring semester and add some new vendors (Plantology, Taste and Tropical EatZ) to the rotation as well as add mobile vendors at Fifield and Library West. Local Restaurant Row mobile vendors will operate on a 2-week rotation during the Spring semester.

Nicole reminded everyone of National Florida Day on January 25, 2022. The location is to be determined, however, it will be at either Gator Corner or Fresh Food Company.

Matthew F. asked about the possibility of rotating restaurants in the dining halls. Matt M. explained this may be addressed in the new dining services contract.

V. Old Business

- Outdoor seating and landscaping

Linda Dixon, Director of Planning, UF Planning, Design, & Construction

Linda gave a brief presentation (copy attached) on outdoor dining as it relates to the Campus and Landscape Master Plans. Linda's office works with committees across campus to discuss projects such as outdoor seating. Linda shared three main areas of interest in expanding outdoor seating including Tower Plaza, Gator (Corner) Plaza, and Reitz Union Lawn – East.

The UF Board of Trustees is very interested in moving the Landscape Master Plan forward with a 2026 completion goal. Four of the thirteen projects currently have funding. There are policies and guidelines in place specifically for outdoor areas including seating. This includes standards for furnishings, color, types of benches, tables, etc. and can depend on area of campus.

Eddie asked if funding estimates include construction costs only or do the estimates include furnishings (tables and chairs specifically). Linda stated there is typically an allowance for seating built in.

Jennifer C. asked if the projects focused on sustainability. Linda mentioned there are many factors included in the standards, such as native plants that decrease water usage, low impact development, and lighting standards. We pay close attention to "life cycle" costs.

Beth G. asked about gray water recycling. Linda mentioned reclaimed water is used across campus.

Matt M. asked where funding typically comes from for seating. Linda mentioned they are always interested in funding partners. The expectation is the user group would find the funding. Groups are expected to follow campus guidelines including those associated with the Landscape Master Plan.

Jessie F. asked how COVID has changed seating and interaction plans. Linda responded there is a heightened awareness of the need for more and better outdoor spaces and that reinforces the urgency of getting these projects completed.

Matt M. asked whether concrete pads and utilities could be added in strategic areas for food trucks. Eddie D. agreed that this would be a good idea especially for areas considered a "food desert". Having planned locations and infrastructure would be important.

Nancy said it would be interesting to do an overlap of dining areas and seating areas as we look at current dining locations. Linda stated many seating areas would not have a food service component so the overlap would be limited.

Sazzad asked about project staging and completion times. Linda mentioned projects are staged to limit disruption on campus.

Jessie thanked Linda for coming and reminded everyone if they have additional questions to send them to Eddie or Matt to be relayed to Linda.

- State of the ITN process

Eddie Daniels

Members of the ITN committee recently completed site visits. Will provide a summary of their findings to the full ITN committee soon. Meetings with providers and the UAA have been scheduled to further discuss Training Table. A decision awarding the contract is expected in early spring.

VI. New Business

Jessie Furman

After polling the committee regarding meeting times, we will maintain holding meetings during the lunch period typically on a Tuesday or Wednesday.

Thank you, Gator Dining, for providing lunch today!

VII. Adjournment

Jessie adjourned the meeting at 12:56 p.m.

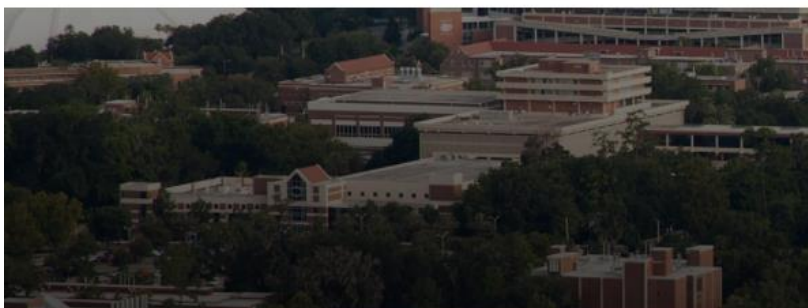
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Next meeting January 19, 2022, 11:30am – 1:00pm, JWRU 2365



Outdoor Dining

In the Campus Master Plan and Landscape Master Plan

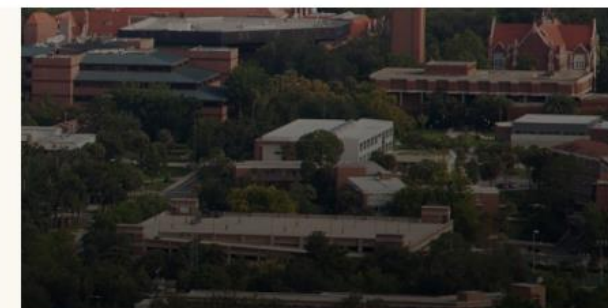


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Since 2016, the University of Florida has engaged in a robust campus and community planning program. Several plans have been developed – starting with a high-level vision for campus and community, then continuing through plans for campus systems and the Campus Master Plan. These plans are integrated and far-reaching to support University of Florida preeminence.

INFO

\$34.8 million dollars given to the City of Gainesville and Alachua County from UF and the State of Florida through our Campus Development Agreements since 1998

23 campus buildings and the Plaza of the Americas are included in the National Register of Historic Places

455 Acres of Conservation land on main campus including Lake Alice has been established



Landscape Master Plan Vision



AN INTERCONNECTED CAMPUS

Interconnecting the 2,000 acres of the campus with attractive and welcoming corridors that are easily navigated by visitors as well as the UF community will communicate a positive image for UF. Ensuring that these corridors accommodate multi-modal transportation—pedestrians, bikes, buses, and autonomous vehicles, in addition to cars—and enhancing the campus's network of shared-use paths are key to demonstrating the University's commitment to sustainable practices.



A CAMPUS CONNECTED TO ITS NATURAL SYSTEMS

UF's 2,000 acres includes an abundance of natural areas featuring its creeks, ponds and wetlands. Enhancing these areas as native habitats will benefit the flora and fauna on campus, and the thoughtful integration of accommodations for passive recreation will benefit the human community and provide opportunities to advance UF's educational mission. The restoration of natural areas along with the incorporation of LID practices into all campus projects will improve water quality and demonstrate to the public best stormwater management practices.



A COHESIVE CAMPUS IMAGE

Guiding the campus's growth and change through the adherence to standards for hardscape, furnishings and plantings is critical to achieving a cohesive campus that reinforces the identity and values of UF. Ensuring that new projects are seamlessly integrated into the existing campus fabric and employ the campus standards in the creation of safe, memorable spaces and connections will be key to advancing the landscape vision for the campus.

A WELCOMING CAMPUS

Campus edges that are attractive and welcoming are critical to UF's communication of an open invitation to the Gainesville community. A welcoming and walkable network of campus spaces adjacent to the urban fabric of Gainesville, along with a network of attractive and legible corridors to campus civic spaces will further reinforce a positive connection between the City and the University to the benefit of both.

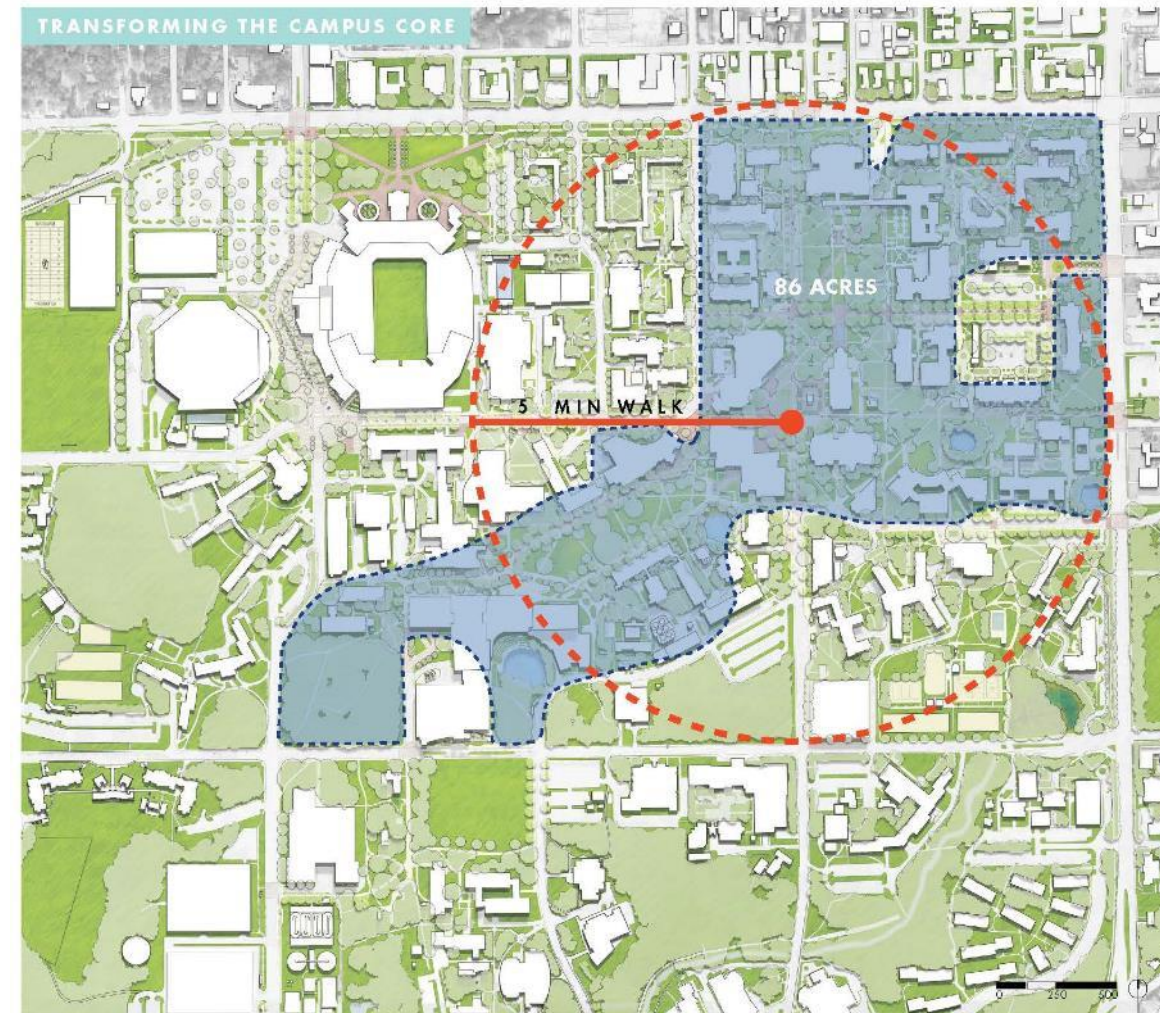
A STRENGTHENED CAMPUS CORE

Restricting the use of motorized vehicles within the campus core will be a significant step for UF, transforming the heart of the campus into a pedestrian realm of a size notable among American universities and advancing UF's path to preeminence. The restriction of traffic in the campus core will unite the campus's two signature spaces—the Plaza of the Americas and an enhanced Reitz Union Lawn. Enhancing the impact of these two grand spaces with improvements to adjacent smaller spaces and connections within the campus core will strengthen the image of the campus as a whole.



LANDSCAPE DESIGN GUIDELINE PRINCIPLES

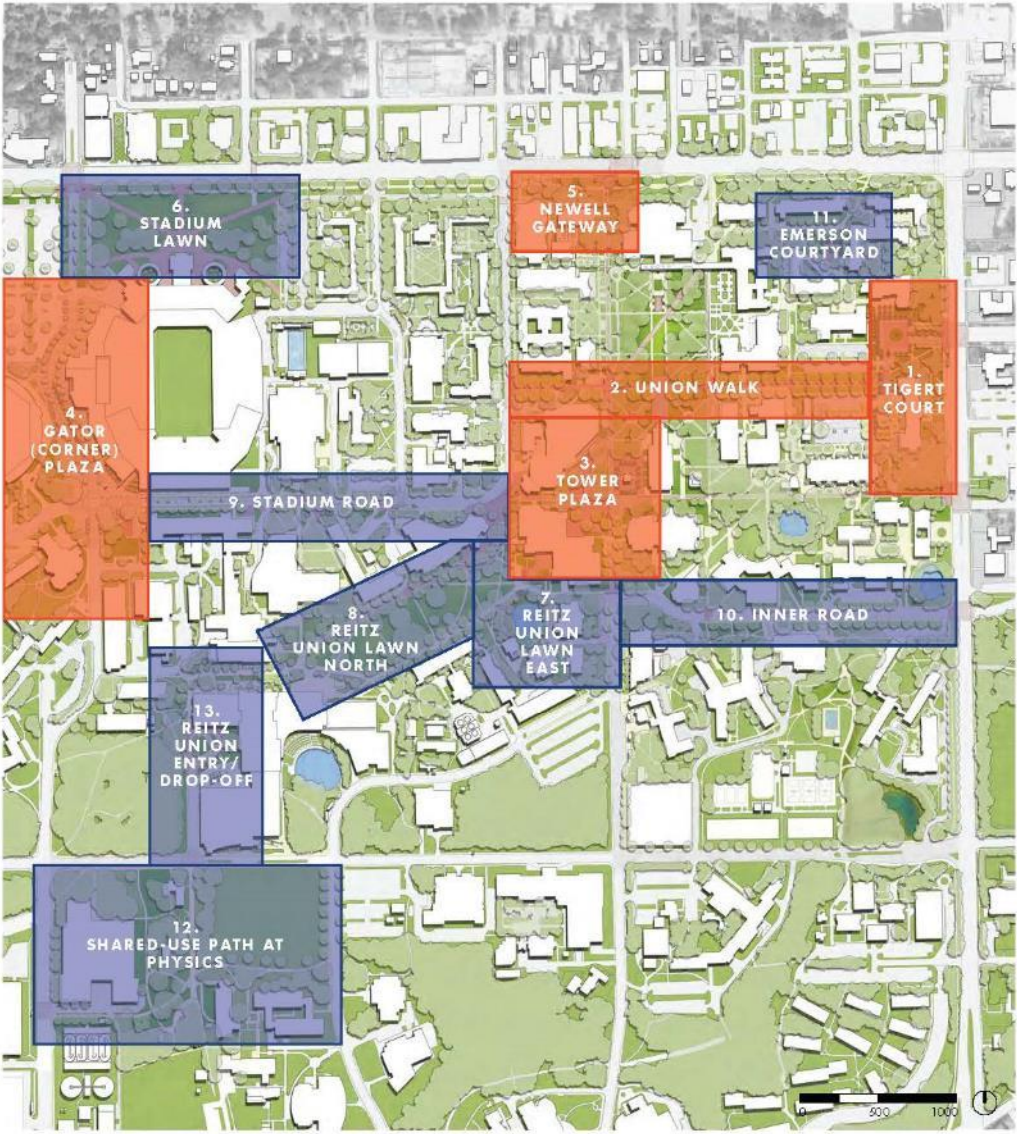
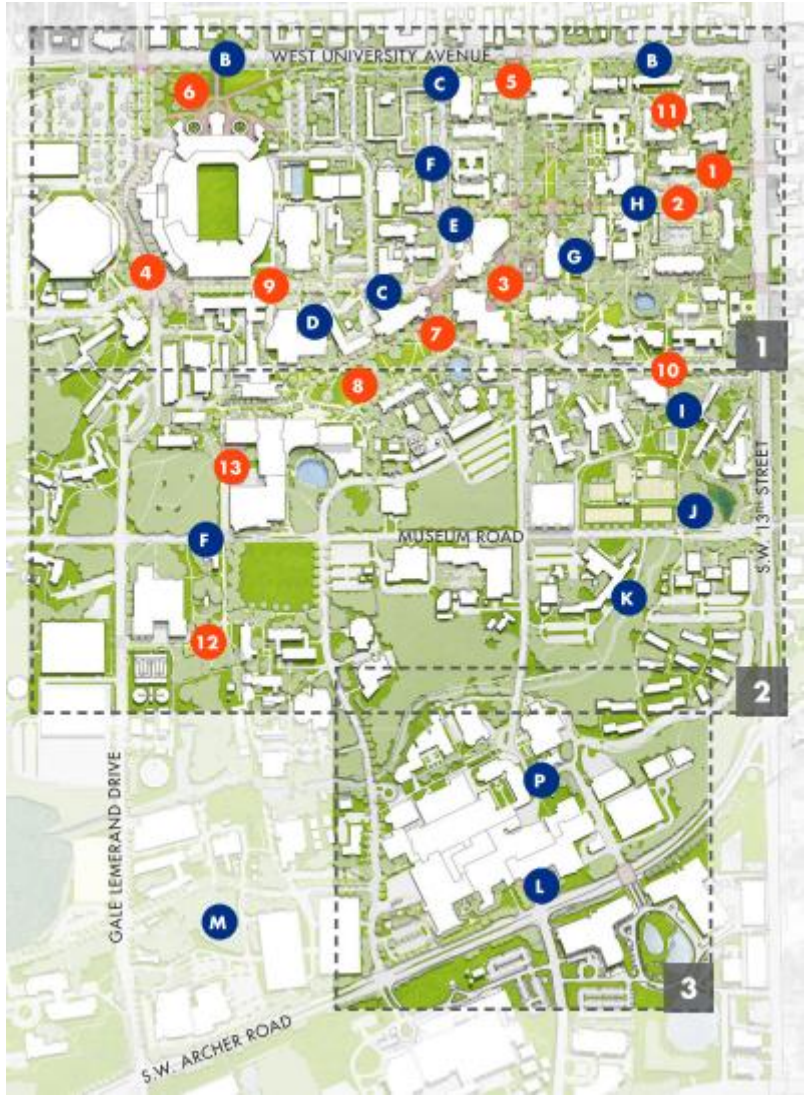
1. Greet Gainesville with a More Welcoming and Integrated Urban Experience
2. Redesign Campus Roadways to Support and Encourage All Modes of Travel
3. Integrate All New Campus Projects into the Campus Fabric, Advancing Pedestrian and Bike Connections and Campus Spaces
4. Celebrate the Ecological Setting of the Campus, Embracing Sustainable Goals and LID Practices
5. Reflect UF's Ecological Setting in its Plant Materials, Promoting Simplicity and Maintainability in Planting Design
6. Unify the Campus with Comprehensive Standards for Hardscape and Furnishings



The campus core should be transformed into a pedestrian realm

The conversion of Union Road and Newell Drive north of Inner Road to pedestrian ways and the subsequent connection of the Plaza of the Americas with the Reitz Union Lawn will be a transformative step for the campus core. With this connection, the campus's two separate pedestrian zones centered on the Plaza of the Americas or the Reitz Union Lawn will be united to form a pedestrian realm of 86 acres, a size that is notable among American collegiate campuses. (See Section 6, Priority Projects (2) Union Walk and (3) Tower Plaza)

13 Priority Projects + 16 Enhancement Areas



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TOWER PLAZA



The space between Century Tower, Turlington Hall and CSE/Marston Library is undoubtedly the most active space on the UF campus. The centerpiece of the space, the iconic Century Tower, however, is separated from the space and relegated to a small corner of open space due to the traffic along Newell Drive. With the continued conversion of Newell Drive to a pedestrian corridor, Century Tower can become incorporated into this grand campus plaza. The regrading of the plaza to ensure universal access and its replanting to improve sight lines and increase shade will enhance the space for large and small group gathering, performances, and tabling.

The new plaza creates an integrated space that accommodates a variety of activities



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GATOR (CORNER) PLAZA

The northernmost block of Gale Lemerand Drive and the spaces surrounding the intersection of Gale Lemerand Drive and Stadium Road must meet the needs of daily use by the UF community as well as the unique celebratory role that they must play on the seven Saturdays in the fall. On these seven Saturdays, the area becomes the focus of game day activity and the face of UF to campus visitors and alumni. Along with a tabled intersection, the special paving that unites the pedestrian and vehicular zones communicates the intensive pedestrian use of the space to motorists throughout the year. On game days, the unified pavement serves to connect the stadium with the O'Connell Center and the plaza areas south of Stadium Road to create one large civic space. The area will be the setting for a future Champions Walk, with each of the four corners of the intersection honoring UF alumni and celebrating important aspects of Gator life—Academics, Student Life, Arts and Culture, and Athletics.



A redesigned Gator (Corner) Plaza incorporates the four corners of the intersection into one civic square



REITZ UNION LAWN - EAST

The length of the Reitz Union Lawn and its location at the heart of UF renders it as a unique feature on the UF campus. Passing through the portal formed by the CSE and Marston Library and the Alachua sculpture, one should be greeted by a view of this impressive space and invited to linger in spaces that feature the view. The improvements to the eastern end of the lawn reflect the proposed design on the north side of the CSE and Marston Library and provide spaces for small group gathering as well as performances. Nearby spaces support the activity of the area—an enhanced plaza outside the HUB, two special panhellenic spaces, and an overlook on Dairy Pond. The replanting of the Pond's banks with native riparian plantings, especially on the south side where a native plant buffer can screen the adjacent back-of-house facilities, converts this natural feature into an asset, giving a special character to this end of the Reitz Union Lawn.



The project transforms the eastern end of the Reitz Union Lawn into a nexus of circulation and activity



A wood deck overlooking Dairy Pond integrates this natural feature into the space



CAMPUS MASTER PLAN 2020-2030

The University of Florida Campus Master Plan, Amendment for 2020-2030, was adopted by the UF Board of Trustees in December 2020.

DATA & ANALYSIS REPORTS

- Future Land Use & Urban Design
- Academic Facilities
- Support/Clinical Facilities
- Housing
- Recreation and Open Space
- Conservation
- Transportation
- General Infrastructure
- Public Safety
- Capital Improvements
- Intergovernmental

PLAN ELEMENTS

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- Intergovernmental Coordination
- Implementation

EVALUATION & APPRAISAL REPORTS

- Urban Design
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Questions?



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