



## **COMMITTEE ON FACILITIES AND CAPITAL INVESTMENTS**

### **Pre-Meeting Minutes**

#### **Virtual Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 19, 2021**

**Time Convened: 9:00 a.m.**

**Time Adjourned: 9:43 a.m.**

#### **Committee and Board members present:**

David L. Brandon (Committee Chair), Richard P. Cole, Christopher T. Corr, James W. Heavener, Morteza "Mori" Hosseini (Board Chair), Thomas G. Kuntz (Board Vice Chair), Daniel T. O'Keefe, Rahul Patel, Marsha D. Powers, Fred S. Ridley, and Anita G. Zucker.

#### **Others present:**

W. Kent Fuchs, President; Chris Cowen, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; Jodi Gentry, Vice President for Human Resources; Amy Hass, Vice President and General Counsel; Mark Kaplan, Vice President for Government and Community Relations and University Secretary; Charlie Lane, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer; Thomas Mitchell, Vice President for Advancement; Curtis Reynolds, Vice President for Business Affairs; Colt Little, Senior Counsel, General Counsel; members of the University of Florida community, and the public.

#### **1.0 Call to Order and Welcome**

Committee Chair David L. Brandon welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

#### **2.0 Roll Call**

Vice President for Business Affairs Curtis Reynolds conducted a roll call of all Committee and Board members present.

#### **3.0 Review Draft Agenda for December Meeting**

The following items were addressed by the Committee:

##### **3.1 Review Draft Minutes**

- June 10, 2021
- August 17, 2021
- August 24, 2021, FCI Sub-committee Meeting

##### **3.2 Review Action Items**

Committee Chair Brandon adjusted the agenda and asked Vice President Curtis Reynolds to begin the review with action item FCI3's Construction Projects Report.

### FCI3 The Construction Projects Report

Vice President Reynolds reviewed action item FCI3 representing the following projects: UF-200 University Public Safety Building (Police Department) & Centrex Building Renovation; UF-623B-Thermal Utilities Infrastructure (Museum Rd); UF-642 SW Campus Transportation Road Improvement require budget amendments. Vice President Reynolds informed the committee that due to the pandemic the construction market has experienced uncertainty in labor and material cost. Staff were working with various construction management firms to modify the cost formatting processes. Vice President Reynolds added because of the pandemic, the university allowed construction management firms to structure Guaranteed Maximum Pricing (GMP) for the work by confirming cost with major tier subcontractors. A discussion ensued regarding each of the aforementioned projects.

Committee Chair Brandon clarified the renovation of the Centrex Building for UF-200 and asked the committee if they had questions regarding the project. Trustee Kuntz asked Vice President Reynolds if the project was on budget and if completion was on schedule. Vice President Reynolds confirmed the project budget and schedule. Trustee Kuntz asked if staff would be tracking the final cost for all projects on the report. Vice President Reynolds noted the report showed columns for the planning budget, ratified budget and final cost as requested. Trustee Kuntz expressed his appreciation for the thorough construction report. Trustee O'Keefe thanked Vice President Reynolds and his staff for creating the construction projects report.

Trustee Corr asked Vice President Reynolds to clarify the UF-623B Thermal Utilities Infrastructure (Museum Rd) Project, whether there would be any additional cost changes as the project continues. Vice President Reynolds noted due to the nature of the underground work, it was difficult to predict any future changes at this time.

Vice President Reynolds addressed the budget increase requested for the UF-642 SW Campus Transportation Road Improvement project which includes the IFAS Research Drive, Hull Road and cutting through SW 23<sup>rd</sup> Terrace into Archer Road. Vice President Reynolds explained the collaboration of two projects between the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the University. Vice President Reynolds outlined the details of a grant to be provided by the FDOT to the University in support of the SW 23<sup>rd</sup> Terrace - Archer Road portion of the project. Vice President Reynolds noted the planned brick entryway feature on SW 23<sup>rd</sup> Terrace associated with landscape and wayfinding master plan was added back to the scope of work. Board Chair Hosseini asked Vice President Reynolds to forward pictures of the aged infrastructure to his attention for use in future discussions with legislators. Trustee O'Keefe asked if there were pictures of the brick entryway feature mentioned. Vice President Reynolds stated that he would send the conceptual designs of the brick entryway to all trustees. Committee Chair Brandon noted there were conceptual designs in the landscape master plan for major egress points on campus. Board Chair Hosseini asked that landscape and wayfinding designs come through the committee prior to implementation. Committee Chair Brandon reminded Board Chair Hosseini that the conceptual designs were presented at an earlier meeting by Senior Vice President Charlie Lane. Committee Chair Brandon asked Dr. Lane to update the committee on the landscape and wayfinding designs at subsequent committee meetings.

Board Chair Hosseini asked for clarification of cost changes on Data Science Information Technology Building as shown as design phase represented in the report. Vice President Reynolds noted that cost changes are listed in chronological order based on prior board of trustee approval. Board Chair Hosseini asked if the project was on schedule. Vice President Reynolds confirmed schedule was on track. Trustee Kuntz asked Vice President Reynolds if projects represented on the report in design phase had received approval for construction. Vice President Reynolds noted the committee had approved projects in design phase for design only. Vice President Reynolds informed the committee that Senior Vice President Cowen and Senior Vice President Lane and he were developing internal reports to confirm project funding and collaboration between Finance and Facilities Committees. Vice President Reynolds stated that projects are not engaged for construction until approval from the Board Chair, President, and full board per the governance.

Committee Chair Brandon asked if there were any additional questions. Being none, Vice President Mitchell was asked to discuss the naming action items.

FCI1 Naming: Shade Courtesy of Tom & Kathy Shannon Family

Vice President for Advancement Tom Mitchell gave a brief narrative regarding the Shannon family and the proposed structure naming at the Florida Ballpark. Vice President Mitchell confirmed all due diligence had been performed to comply with naming protocols, governance guidelines and executive leadership approvals. Vice President Mitchell asked the committee if there were any questions, being none, he introduced the Norman Fixel Institute Campus naming action item.

FCI2 Naming: Norman Fixel Institute Campus

Vice President for Advancement Tom Mitchell discussed the proposed naming of the Norman Fixel Institute Campus. Vice President Mitchell confirmed all due diligence had been performed to comply with naming protocols, governance guidelines and executive leadership approvals. Committee Chair Brandon asked the committee if there were any questions. Being none, Committee Chair Brandon moved to the next agenda item.

### 3.3 Review Discussion Item

Committee Chair Brandon asked Vice President Reynolds to discuss the Construction Update. Vice President Reynolds noted that a full construction update would be provided at the December Committee meeting with a project highlight and that work had begun at the project site for the Honors College Residence. Board Chair Hosseini confirmed the intent to open the Honors Residence in June 2023. Committee Chair Brandon discussed the on-campus traffic changes but added it was due to construction progress.

## 4.0 New Business

Committee Chair Brandon asked if there was any new business from the committee. Being none, the conversation was opened to the executive staff for comments. Dr. Charlie Lane gave a brief update regarding the Tigert Hall entrance renovation, the SW campus work and the University Avenue/SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street corner project. Committee Chair Brandon stated his intent to schedule a

discussion regarding the University Avenue/SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street project with the ad hoc group and provide an update to the committee when appropriate. Mark Kaplan, Vice President for Government and Community Relations, informed the committee that legislators were having interim meetings. Vice President Kaplan acknowledged there were actually conversations happening about the story of deferred maintenance; emphasizing the needs are very vast across campus. Dr. Kent Fuchs noted the construction progress at Tigert Hall. Board Chair Hosseini noted, to his knowledge, no other university had a committee like the Facilities and Capital Investments Committee that have monthly meetings to discuss ways to take the university forward. Board Chair Hosseini applauded the cohesiveness among the university's committees. Board Chair Hosseini informed the board members that the December meeting would be longer than past meetings to add discussions regarding maintaining the University's Top 5 rating. Board Chair Hosseini noted his intent to request a presentation from the college deans on their plans to improve the university's rating at the December meeting.

## **5.0 Adjourn**

There being no further discussion, Committee Chair Brandon adjourned the meeting at 9:43 a.m.