Building & Grounds Committee
9/10/26 Meeting Minutes

Members In Attendance:
Aeric Gunnels – Human Ecology
Robert Scarbrough – Director, Facilities – Maintenance & Repairs
Conrad Murray Proxy for Elisabeth Humphrey – College of Engineering
Beau Wynn – Exercise Science
Brett Koch – School of Interdisciplinary Studies
Troy Dickens – Facilities, Carpentry
Lieutenant King Proxy for Fred Nichols – Director, University Police
Ed Beason – Director, Student Affairs
Scott McCrary – Manager, Facilities – Grounds
Daniel Badoe – Civil & Environmental Engineering
Leigh Waggoner – Accounting
Joshua Edmonds – Manager, Residential Life
Alex Gore – Student
John Gabriel Salma - Student
Dan Warren - VP of Facilities & Business Services
Committee Executive Officer
Michele Chumley - *Committee Administrative Services*

Absent Members: *Link to meeting recording emailed to absent members*
Leigh Ann Ray – Health Services

1. Meeting was called to order, and a quorum was perceived at 11:06 AM by Executive Officer, Dan Warren.
2. Executive Officer, Dan Warren, entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was made by Beau Wynn and seconded by Lt. King. With no objections, motion passed.
3. Executive Officer, Dan Warren, entertained a motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes from 3/5/26. Motion was made by Ed Beason and seconded by Alex Gore. With no objections, motion passed.
4. Executive Officer, Dan Warren, entertained a motion to approve the FY26 Annual Report. Motion was made by Ed Beason and seconded by Beau Wynn. With no objections, motion passed.
5. Executive Officer, Dan Warren shared opening comments – Dan thanked everyone for attending and being willing to serve on the committee. Dan shared that this is a more entertaining committee as we discuss changes on campus, buildings – not including parking. Introductions were then made by each of the committee members. Dan shared during introductions that Aeric Gunnels is spearheading the new School of Architecture.

6. Executive Officer Dan Warren opened the floor for nominations or volunteers of the FY27 Committee Chair. Ed Beason volunteered for Committee Chair. A motion was made by Alex Gore to elect Ed Beason and seconded by Lt. King. With no objections, motion passed.
7. Executive Officer, Dan Warren, asked the committee to review the proposed FY27 meeting dates – 11/19/26, 1/28/27, 4/8/27. Elected Chair Ed Beason said he was good with all the dates. Alex Gore, Student, shared that they will be graduating in December and asked how membership will be affected. Dan Warren and Michele Chumley suggested that the President's office will work with SGA for a replacement at that time and mentioned emailing Aleta Canon. Executive Officer, Dan Warren entertained a motion to approve the FY27 meeting dates. Motion was made by Daniel Badoe and seconded by Troy Dickens. With no objections, motion passed.
8. Old Business
    a. AIEB bike rack(s): Dan Warren met with the Dean and confirmed the location adjacent to the sidewalk at the NE corner of AIEB. Dan asked Alex Gore for student support through SGA to promote how to properly use the bike racks as they should have capacity for 8 bikes, but they are only fitting four. Currently students are pulling the bike to straddle the U with their pedals/middle of the bike over the U. The intended use is to put the front tire only to meet the U so that two bikes with front tires touching on either side of the U creates availability for 8 bikes to lock in that area instead of the current 4. Alex Gore agreed to assist with student education efforts. Ed Beason mentioned that during programs like SOAR, the UPD encourages students to lock more than just the front tire. Dan clarified that their chain should be long enough to go through the U as well as the front tire and frame. *Dan will get the manufacturers recommended use on the bike racks.*
        a. Josh Edmonds asked about additional bike racks for Res Life. Dan shared that DeLayne confirmed they have been delivered and are waiting to be installed. Dan asked Josh to get with James (Goad) for installation timeline.
    b. Pavers Contractor: Dan Warren confirmed that we have a new pavers contractor and will use them to address sunken paver areas when it is more than our mason can schedule.
    c. Accessibility Update:
        a. Dan Warren confirmed with Ed Beason that Jere Whitson ADA door opener was taken care of.
        b. Ed also shared that the markings between the RUC and BFA can wait for now as the classroom was moved to accommodate students.
        c. Ed shared that there is a group on campus providing mobility training for cane users (about 7 this semester).

d. *Ed shared the need at the interior of the Bell Hall roundabout for domes on each of the interior crossing points*. We have students who use guide dogs. The guide dogs are trained to stop at the domes before crossing. When the dog reaches the interior without a dome on the opposite interior cross point the dog will lead the student without stopping into the road on that side of the roundabout.
e. *Ed shared the need for strips along 7th from Cooper Dunn towards STEM and the Burn. Dan will investigate.* Dan asked if 7th and Peachtree should be an additional location, but the audible chirper was pointed out. Brett Koch in chat added that we have students who can't hear the audible chirper. Ed acknowledged in chat that point and said to include that intersection.

d. Miscellaneous Old Business – Dan shared that the door opener at the north end, back side of Prescott, ADA entrance is on card swipe.

9. Miscellaneous New Business:
    a. Miscellaneous New Business – *Dan asked committee members to think about plaques across campus between now and the next meeting*. Currently, there isn't any regulation on the size or placement. He shared that consistency is important . Currently there are different sizes and placed outside low, outside high, some are inside hung on a wall and then others because of size may be on a podium.
10. Status of Landscape Projects: Scott McCrary
    a. Irrigation was installed at Lab Science just in time for the new semester. Scott said they are hopeful that it will help win the battle with mother nature in keeping the grass alive in that area.
    b. Dead tree limbs were trimmed across campus. A few decaying trees were also removed.
    c. We planted the most flowers ever across campus. The Landscape Master Plan was utilized – sign beds at 7th & Willow and 12th and Willow. Too much rain and too little rain are both challenges they face when planting.
    d. A tree grant was submitted on 9-4-26 for 24 new trees and we should hear if we are awarded the grant in the next 6 weeks.
11. Status of Facilities Projects – Robert Scarbrough
    a. Replaced several bad sidewalks.
    b. Repaired the sinkhole in parking lot across from baseball.
    c. Replaced large catch basin between the Hoop and the parking lot.
    d. Replaced stairs between RUC and Pennebaker
    e. Identified several areas for funding replacing sidewalks and three more stormwater catch basins.
12. Such Other Matters
    a. Dan Warren shared that monuments will be constructed on campus, one being on Wilmore Way.

13. Executive Officer, Dan Warren, entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Daniel Badoe and seconded by Alex Gore. Without objection, motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 11:41 am.