



MASTER PLANNING COMMITTEE

March 6, 2023

Lola Tilly Conference Room 202

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AGENDA

- I. Call to order- John George (0900-0915)
 - a. Roll Call (all present except for Michael Lund and Nathan Belz on sabbatical)
 - b. Adoption of Agenda
 - c. Respect, Diversity, Inclusion and Caring Minute
 - i. Women's History Month - UAF has a rich history of women.
 - d. Safety Minute- Facilities Services is doing a good job on campus removing snow on campus.
 - e. Announcements
 - i. April 6th Chancellor White to address MPC
- II. Action Items
 - a. Sustainability Plan (0915-0945)

Cristi Kemper, coordinator, Office of Sustainability, requesting support for a new updated Sustainability Plan at UAF

The sustainability plan, began as a student effort, was last updated in 2015; the Office of Sustainability doesn't have the funding or staffing to update the plan and they would like the MPC

to consider taking this on. It will need to have the full backing of the chancellor and MPC as well as financial support.

Projects in the last 7 years have included, among others(90 in total):

- UAF recycling
- Green Bikes
- Nanook Grown

The previous plan had previously been funded through the Sustainability Fund which has since changed funding mechanism and what had been \$500k(2014) is now set at ~\$140,000. A green revolving fund was set up to support sustainability at UAF. Despite the decline in funding the office established two additional programs and now oversees the WC Food Pantry.

Office of Sustainability	
 UAF Recycling	Services 200 + bins Only glass recycling in the Interior
 Green Bikes	80 rental bikes, assist others with repairs Workshops, events, group rides
 Nanook Grown	Robust garden education program Harvest Project donates 5000 lbs of food
 UAF FreeStore	Hundreds of visits a year Clothing, household items, books, decor
 Upcycle Annex	Repair cafe and DIY space. Offers workshops and access to tools
 WC Food Pantry	532 students helped, 1211 food bags made since 2018. Usage increased during C-19.

The office is now housed within the Center for Student Engagement. The office now provides activities, events, assistance with school projects, internships, and community

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resources year-round in addition to maintaining the aforementioned programs. The office also funds the dining services reusable containers program.

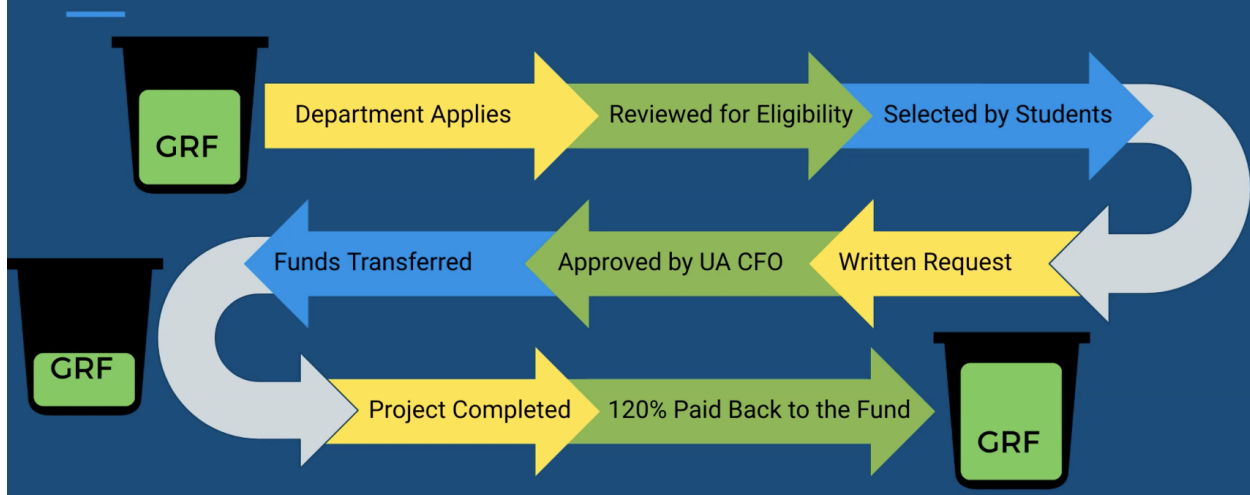
2014 - Funded the Sustainability Plan with input from stakeholders across the campus. The plan was adopted as part of the Campus Master Plan in January 2015. However, it needs to be updated and is tied to UAF's strategic goals.



The costs to update the plan are expected to be \$56-\$85k(option 1) with a timeline of beginning summer 2023 and wrap up spring 2024. Option 2 - \$16-\$25k would cover the basics, but doesn't move the plan forward. Either plan will create leadership opportunities for students as they work with leadership and others to update.

Office of Sustainability would like to see this funded through the Green Revolving Fund.

The Green Revolving Fund Process



UAF's fund is unique, and that we are able to do loans for any sustainability project as long as the fund is paid back so we can do immediate cost savings. As long as it's being paid back, we split up over 2 or 3 years. The student board also has the ability to reduce that total amount paid back all the way down to 105 of the original amount. This is usually done when a department is willing to make payments larger than 90% of the cost, saving, or revenue associated with the project. This would definitely apply to this project if we wanted to use the revolving fund. The Sustainability Fee is already tapped supporting programs so not available for this project.

Discussion:

- UAF's plan also includes a sustainability goal. Strange that a plan has to be done on a loan and should be supported by UAF. Perhaps look for other funding, including a sustainability fee added to projects. Have every department contribute, perhaps.

MPC can decide to support either option; Tabled conversation for the April 6. Need a decision by beginning of May. Has not been a budget request directly from Wood Center.

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Action taken: Gary moves to postpone action to April meeting. Amy seconds. All agreed.

III. Fairbanks Experiment Farm long-range plan presentation -

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- the plan came before the MPC before. Cam suggested updating the plan. to get to the board and.No recommendation needed today.

The purpose is to provide living document to thoughtfully guide development of facilities and programs and projects at the Fairbanks Experiment Farm.

1st section - blank introduction from the chancellor. We hope that the Chancellor will endorse this and provide his words and introduction to the document here.

History: Experiment Farm established in 1906 - history and contributions of the farm to Alaska agriculture. Includes why the farm was established and the type of research done over the last 100 years.

Challenges and opportunities:Pg. 6-7 trends in agriculture in the state. Increase in number of farms up; between 1997 and 2,017, and increase of the number of farms. Decrease in average farm size so there's an increase in small farms in Alaska. About 46% of farmers in Alaska are new or beginning farmers, so that means that they farm for 10 years or less.Highlights the importance of this document for UAF as a leader in this area. The vision places the Fairbanks farm in a position to be the center of experiential learning, innovative research and service outreach for agriculture in Alaska.

Challenges, cuts in funding and staff.

The Georgeson Botanical Garden is part of the farm.

Have framed a realistic vision refer to the plan for details.

Vision:

Pg. 8 - assets and identity, location

Pg. 19 - boundary limits of the farm.

pg. 26 - the facilities inventory.

pg 21 - how we intend to accomplish the vision

Objectives: align with UAF strategic plan are organized by short (0-5 mid- 5-10 and long-term timeline. 10 years plus)

Georgeson Botanical Gardens long-range plan is also included as an appendix. Visual of the physical landscape of what we're working on. The capt

No action needed by MPC.

b. GCI Antenna Moore Hall (0945-1000)

- a. The contract is up for renewal. We have a permit with GCI to have antennas on top of Moore hall, and we've had it for over a decade. It's up for renewal, and the question of how many antennas that are on there and allowed to be on, there came up so in the agreement it says 5, turns out they have 6 up there. turns out they have 6 up there. We're trying to dig through historical documents. There are drawings that appear that they went through approval with Youaf in 2,013. But it's not finalized. So we're having them submit their antenna proposal through Cameron, and then we'll update that

permit. But I just wanted to give you all heads up. They have plans to do construction in 2024, but they are updating the plan and will present it to MPC later. No action needed; Add to agenda for Fall 2023 if needed. FS will update the plan. They have a storage closet and may need other options to support the hardware and if so, there could be future action.

III. Subcommittee reports-

a. Inclusivity- No report

b. Landscape- No report

c. North Campus- Wildland Fire Signage

Brittany - update working with the fire consortium to do an interpretive trail on the burn scar. Sign posts are done, but FS is doing final review on signs themselves. Final approval in UR. Target install date is early May. Other folks are trying to incorporate it into UAF's marketing/tour outreach. No action needed.

d. Sustainability (see above)

IV. Facilities Services

- Hard pack removal.
- Teddy Walker, res life director, met with ASUAF to talk about the Moore-Bartlett renovation and impacts to housing. Student housing will be accommodated with using these 3 lower dorms for switcher sham, while both towers are being closed down. Res life will work on prioritization and maximize rooms with doubles rather than super singles. Wickersham will be back online

- Student housing accommodates three lower residence halls. Expect a slight pinch in housing over the next year. Skarland will be open.
- CRCD and CTC master plans are going well.- take more time to work with groups; Harper development goals. DFM and backlog and our current schedule wrapping drafts early May and working through MPC and Cabinet.
- EPA is on campus for the non-attainment plan, 2-8 p.m. in Wood Center.
- Board meeting on Feb. 23 approved the planetarium project. They also approved the new hangar in Nenana for ACUASI. Project passed, but the research group will follow up with Did you Know about ACUASI.
- Salisbury opening soon.
- Campuswide steam outage in early June.
- Troth Yeddha' The Legacy Committee is fully engaged. Great giving Day \$54K donated to the project. Looking at how to fund with a price tag increase.

b. Space Planning (1020-1025)

Disability moving to Eielson 102-104. They are retaining satellite areas. They will be moving in soon.

Student Center for Health and Counseling - has a renovation. They need a landing spot.

Welcome center planning for Lola is in progress.

Working on high-level details as far as how the space will be used and by whom.

V. Round table (1025-1035)

VI. Public comment (1035-1040)

VII. Adjourn (1040)

VIII. Next meeting 0900 Thursday April 6 . Note special date to accommodate Chancellor White addressing MPC.

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