



THE UNIVERSITY *of* NEW ORLEANS

STAFF COUNCIL

Approval of Minutes -- posted on website

Guest Speaker: Dr. O'Rourke, Interim President

It's been a pleasure to serve as your interim president

Onboarding is happening for Dr. Johnson

Meeting weekly, issues or positive things you'd like for us to identify - please let us know

Thanks for everything you do!

Executive Committee & Committee Reports

- **Homecoming & Door Decorating Contest:** We will announce more details soon, but it is on this year so start planning
- **August Service with Jazz:** Congratulations to Jaime McSkimming! Coordinator of Interlibrary Loan & Stack Maintenance
- **Wellness Committee:** Pickleball – let's get this going
- **Student Workday:** **Workday will be down sept 30 - oct 1, oct 7 - 8, oct 14 – 15** Go down on Saturday and come back up some time on Sunday. If you have student workers working on the weekend, please coordinate with them to prepare for that

Guest Speaker: Vince Granito, Athletics

We have 16 intercollegiate division 1 sports (highly competitive)

Not all of them are on campus depending on the sport

Seasonal schedule:

Fall: Volleyball - on campus. In the HPC = free for faculty and staff to go to

Cross country and track

Winter: Basketball - season tickets starts at \$63 (about \$3 per game), Great family entertainment

Spring: Baseball

Weekly email with the events and discounts

Homecoming - November 6-11th

- Distinguished alumni award
- Friday evening athletics hall of fame
- Saturday tailgating from 12-3:45, basketball game to follow at 4pm.

Guest Speaker – Mark Pyle, Update on Bernhard:

Bernhardt contract - 7 months so far

The main component that I want to talk about is the significant investment in campus infrastructure

- 27 million investment
- Strategic vision
- Started on March 1st
- Objective is to improve infrastructure and get energy savings and not have so many broken things on campus

7 major projects:

Lighting upgrade - fluorescent to LED lights

Energy savings - 300,000 / a year savings

Bulb replacement requires a lot of manpower, and LED lights don't need as many

Trying to do it at night - 5 more weeks to go

Domestic water - another huge utility for us

Replace all the flush valves or entire toilets

Save us 212,000 / year

We might see an issue with clogs. Haven't seen it yet, but we're watching for it just in case

Air handling units - big noisy units from the 60s/70s. We're retrofitting 70 of those to make them more efficient

Make some design changes, cut out some piping and put in more valves,

69,000/ year savings

Chill water savings - central plant that provides all the heat and cooling we will replace the cooling towers. One is totally broken, will replace all 4 this fall to not impact the AC.

November ish – December so that we don't have too many impacts to our indoor comfort levels.

Reconfiguring how it enters the chill water system in each building. Super technical

214,000/ year

Retrocommissioning, using our existing systems (pumps, etc) and replacing the control systems

Control the buildings heating / cooling fine tuned.

All the sensors and switches and valves that are broken will be replaced

It will optimize the buildings

811,000 / year

Solar array - take advantage of the tax credit for solar right now

Put in solar array on the north west parking lot, a little less than 4 acres, 1mil watts of power

Huge amount of power

Save us A LOT of water

Energy has assured us that

We're going to lose $\frac{2}{3}$ of that parking lot

We have considered what we will do about parking if we do go back to 18k

Questions:

What % of our energy does the solar cover?

17% of our total capacity

25-year guarantee. 12.1 years to pay off

One of the biggest arrays in the entire state

It's a great story for us

Building a structure to park underneath it was cost prohibitive

We don't have storage capabilities, but we do have a way to plug in.

When cost for batteries goes down, we can tie in to a battery

Q: Did we look into the student perspective of losing parking??

Tried to find a balance between parking, impact on students, etc. We have a TON of parking on campus, and ultimately decided that reducing the capacity of this parking lot wouldn't make much of an impact on available space.

Going to add street lights for privateer place

How to we report issues to bernhard?

- Work order system - can email Mark to get access
- Building coordinators already have access
- There is an emergency line

Next Meeting October 19 @ 10am (zoom)

The UNO Staff Council is dedicated to providing the best possible representation for the staff of the University. Our goal is to identify ways to support and enhance the lives of our valued fellow staff. Staff Council welcomes input from the entire university community in order to make the University of New Orleans the best place to work and prosper in the City of New Orleans and the State of Louisiana.