

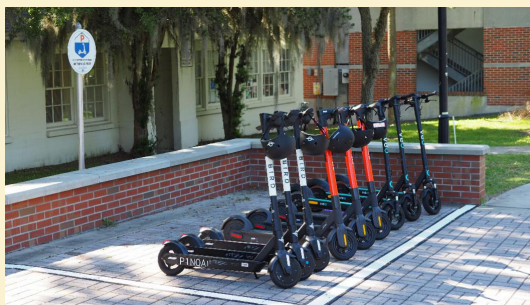
Office of the Vice President for **Business Affairs** NEWSLETTER



Message from Vice President, Curtis A. Reynolds

Happy Spring!

With beautiful weather and end of semester celebrations, I have many reasons to be grateful as the academic semester comes to a close. In-person graduations are being held at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center for the first time in over a year and many of you have helped to make thousands of eager graduates' special day a reality.



Micromobility Pilot Program

Students, faculty and staff at the University of Florida will soon have a new transportation option. On Monday, May 3, the City of Gainesville will launch its new Micromobility Pilot Program, allowing three vendors – Bird, Spin and Veo – each to deploy up to 200 electric scooters for rent throughout the City and on campus.

E-scooters will be available for rent from 6 AM – 10 PM daily and provide a sustainable option for short-distance trips with low cost-per-minute rental fees. Students, faculty and staff may sign up for an account using any of the three vendors' proprietary apps and may begin renting e-scooters immediately. Florida Statutes place e-scooters and bicycles in the same category, meaning that e-scooter operators must follow the same rules of the road as cyclists, including riding in bike lanes wherever possible and obeying all posted roadway signs.

2021 Mentor Award



Ravish Paul was selected as a multicultural mentor this year and was paired with a first year student. As the academic year comes to a close, the 2020/21 mentor program also came to an end. At the program ceremony Ravish was honored with the Best Mentor/Mentee Pair Award. "This pair was a dynamic duo who consistently uplifted and encouraged one another," said Danielle Difato, Program Coordinator. Congratulations!

COO Selects Two For Development Program

Joe Souza, Director of Physical Security and Erica Gonzaga, Associate Director of Research Services at EH&S has been selected by the COO and SVP Dr. Charlie Lane to participate in his Diversity Equity Inclusion Professional Development Program.



Congratulations William Helms

The 2021 University-wide Superior Accomplishment Awards ceremony took place virtually via Zoom on Wednesday, April 14th. William Helms of Transportation and Parking Services won a division Superior Accomplishment Award and then went on to be awarded the highest tier honor, the President's University-Level Award.

This annual program recognizes staff and faculty members who contribute outstanding and meritorious service, efficiency and/or economy, or to the quality of life for students and employees.



Elite Gators 2021 March & April



Amy Jones

The Board of Governors and the University asked that all employees participate in "Kognito - At-Risk Student" training. Once developed, Amy scheduled numerous Zoom sessions so that hundreds of employees could attend the modified training.



Catherine Ciminillo

Catherine was able to streamline the "Kognito - At-Risk Student" training and add a PowerPoint presentation and job aids so that it met the training needs of many staff members that did not have computer access or that would have found the training unrelatable and/or overwhelming.



Fiona Hogan

In the past 6-12 months, Fiona Hogan has gone above and beyond in her role as a Strategic Projects Manager with the Office of Sustainability. This has become especially clear in her role as a key facilitator in the ongoing process to update the UF Climate Action Plan.

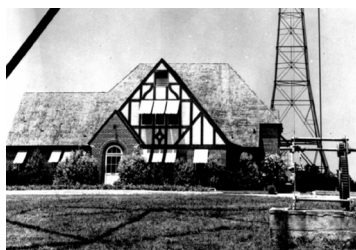


Campus Connector

On Monday, May 3, UF's free Campus Connector shuttle service will change both of its routes due to the closure of portions of Museum Road and Newell Drive for upcoming construction in those areas. The road closures are expected to last through Spring 2023, and although our shuttles will not be able to access some areas of campus during the project's timeframe, service will still be provided to as many locations as possible. The new routes will allow service to

two new locations with stops at the HUB and on Union Road between Turlington and Griffin-Floyd. The Campus Connector Blue Line will still provide service from Parking Garage 14 to the HPNP/Biomed circle on Center Drive and the campus core area on Newell Drive and McCarty Drive north of Museum Road. For additional information on the Campus Connector service, please visit taps.ufl.edu/alternative-transportation/campus-connector/.

Demo of the Historic UFPD Gingerbread House



The building has been listed in the US National Register of Historic Places since 1989, and its rich history has long been a part of UF. It has been utilized as the headquarters for the University of Florida Police Department (UFPD) since 1957. The school has grown exponentially since then. A lot of material from the original historic structure will be repurposed in the updated facility, honoring history in a sustainable fashion. Builders will turn bricks into low-seat walls around the building and within the interior. Other pieces of history will find a new home in the new and improved Public Safety Complex where UFPD, UFDEM, including the University's Emergency Operations Center and UF Physical Security's Global Security Operations Center will call home.



Campus Fleets Go Electric

Business Affairs has switched gears and gone electric! Units across Business Affairs have evaluated their fleets and made the switch to electric vehicles. Clean transportation through EV is the future, and UF is just getting started. There are currently 115 electric/hybrid vehicles at UF. According to Dustin Stephany, Sustainable Building Coordinator, electric vehicles have been doing an excellent job at meeting the needs of the Planning, Design, and Construction Department (PDC). After two and a half years of implementing these vehicles, the results have been incredibly positive. EVs have many unique benefits that gas vehicles do not offer.



Physical Security Grand Opening

UF's Physical Security Department has finally moved into a newly renovated building they can call home. Building 429, previously the home of UF Telecommunications from 1989 until 2018, was identified to be the home of UF Physical Security when the department was formed in December of 2018. After nearly two years of anticipation, the team has an innovative and functional space in which to work and collaborate.

The physical security team has developed a lot in recent years. When the department was first founded in 2018, only four members provided physical security for the whole campus. Vice President of Business Affairs, Curtis Reynolds, knew that Security needed a place to call their own and grow their team to support their mission – to enhance physical security across UF.

Vendor Stocks Pantry Shelves

The company that keeps 175 snack machines stocked across the University of Florida and UF Health's campuses is now filling shelves at The Hitchcock Field & Fork Pantry. Canteen donated nearly 1,000 snack items to the University grocer. Field & Fork provides groceries to University students, staff, and faculty, who may not have enough to eat—at no cost. Gators are not expected to prove financial need; anyone with a valid Gator 1 Card can shop at the Pantry.

University Director of Food and Beverage Services Matt Mueller was instrumental in securing the donation. First motivated to support the Pantry by a visit to Field & Fork in late summer of 2020, Mueller realized how necessary and vital this unique campus resource is to the UF community.

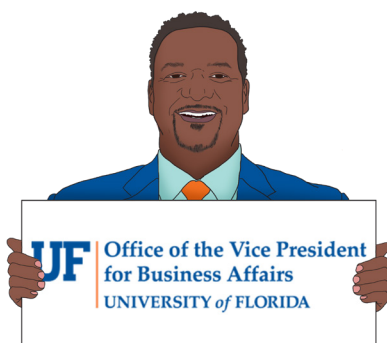
"I can't imagine how difficult it must be to be work so hard while being hungry," says Mueller. "These are our people. We're feeding our own."



Congratulations on Retirement

Erik Lewis Planning Design & Construction
John Lee Facilities Services
Sophia Robinson Facilities Services
Susan Alyassin TAPS
Thanh Duc Nguyen Facilities Services
William Sasser UFPD

Thank you for Reading!



"I would like to acknowledge Rick Acosta and the Gator Dining catering team for all of the work they did this year providing COVID supplemental meals for all the UF students in quarantine. They were supportive, and they adapted all year to changing situations and needs from UF Housing." *To Rick Acosta and Gator Dining Catering Team*

"You all are our favorite group to work with and we appreciate your willingness to go above and beyond to make our event a success, particularly with this year's necessary adjustments to our schedule and venue usage. Thank you for your creative problem-solving efforts!" *To the O'Connell Center Dance Marathon Team*

"Robbie took the time to understand what makes this building different and how he can help me better serve the clients in the building when he is assigned my tickets. So a big thank you to Robbie for helping the clients of UF Innovate so they can continue to grow their businesses and create new jobs." *To Robbie Grassano of PDC*

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