

STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY SENATE
Campus Environment Committee

Meeting of January 30th, 2018, 1:00-2:20 pm
Provost's Conference Room, Administration 407

MINUTES

Attendance: Tom Wilson (Chair), Sarah Battaglia, Fred Walter, Sean Deery (acting Secretary), Matthew Eisaman, Michelino Puopolo, Jeanne Charoy, David Mather, Dmitri Tsybychev, Mona Ramonetti, Lazaro Rivera

Meeting called to order at 1:10pm.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of UEC meetings of December 5. No amendments were put forth and the minutes were approved unanimously; motion carried.

Chair Report. Sarah will be taking over the position of Secretary for Pam who is in the midst of a very busy semester. Dexter Bailey was approved to speak to the Environmental Committee at a future meeting regarding the "campus square." Now that each of the working groups have a Coordinator they will start to meet outside of the main Committee meeting. Each working group will start drafting reports to be presented to the Senate, and later combined into one full report. Tom urged the Transportation working group to work on the East Campus parking because the University has proposed a public/private partnership to build a new parking garage on a currently forested plot on East Campus to deal with the congestion issues.

Sub-committees. *The Natural Environment group* toured Lake Brianna to take pictures and measurements of potential locations for the water level gauge. They found a good location for the gauge and an area that can be turned into an overlook with benches and species lists. They also scouted out the Old Colonial Road near the West Apartments and also found another potential road near the tunnel to HSC under Nicols Road. Mona researched a species list of the campus from the construction documents of the Hilton Garden Inn. *The Efficiency, Recycling, Livability group* presented potential projects; pairing with the Climate Reality Project and Office of Sustainability to evaluate renewable energy/efficiency, creating a financial model for a reusable smallware program, connecting with the developers of the "campus square" to overview best practices and our requests, and attempting to expand the "Chef's Gardens." Some comments included the University's weekly energy expense of approximately \$1,000,000, adding solar panels to South P, and adding solar panel brackets to any roofs being replaced.

Presentation: Viewed two powerpoints about the proposed "Campus Village" and the 2012-2023 Campus Master Plan (both available in the Google Drive). Some questions about the Campus Village powerpoint included; what is meant by "Senior" being one of the populations in the new buildings, what are the details of the ground lease, how would this compare to the Hilton ground lease, is Stony Brook's ratio of residents to commuters high or low, is there a

demand for this type of expensive housing, what is the excess wastewater treatment plant capacity mentioned, what is the net gain/loss of parking spaces, what percent of residents have parking passes, did similar developments at Buffalo State, Canton, Cobleskill, Purchase go well, and who are the companies in the Preliminary Transaction Structure. The second presentation on the Campus Master Plan (2012-2023) resulted in the idea to send a FOIL Request for the other Master Plans of the campus.

New Business. None presented.

Next meeting is Wednesday February 20th, 2019 at 1:00pm - 2:30pm in Administration Room 221.

The meeting adjourned at 2:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sean Deery
UEC Undergraduate Representative