

STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY SENATE
Campus Environment Committee

Meeting of February 20th, 2018, 1:00-2:20 pm
VP for Finance and Administration Conference Room, Administration 221

MINUTES

Attending: Tom Wilson (Chair), Fred Walter, Sean Deery (Secretary), Michelino Puopolo, Mateo Mezic, Malcolm Bowman (Vice Chair), Gary Kaczmarczyk

Meeting called to order at 1:12pm.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of UEC meetings of January 30th. No amendments were put forth and the minutes were approved unanimously; motion carried.

Chair Report. Each of the subgroup coordinators can add or edit the scope of work for their subgroup. All subgroup documents should be stored in the respective google drive folder. Dexter Bailey will be invited to the March 20th and April 17th meetings. We await his response. Please submit any questions you have for Mr. Bailey (mainly about the “campus square”) to Tom. Tom also plans to invite John Fogarty for discussion related to campus planning and Sharon Pochron to present on the Ashley Schiff Preserve and bee-friendly pesticides.

Working Group Reports

The Natural Environment group is continuing on the species list and Lake Brianna studies.

The Efficiency, Recycling, Livability group presented updates on:

- renewable energy/efficiency (will be working with Climate Reality Project club to review what is being done on campus and where we can be),
- Disposables (half way through calculating USG’s annual expenditures on disposable smallware to make a financial model for a rental program),
- “Campus square” (called Gilbane twice for a point of contact to no avail),
- Campus gardens (set up a meeting with FSA on 02/22 to discuss student volunteers to plant chef gardens and tour freight farms),
- Bike culture (contacted the Freewheel Bike Collective to set up a group ride or a bike safety workshop).

Some comments included; looking at the cost of waste management in addition to the purchasing of disposable smallware, there are South Campus students who want to start a community garden, full scale composting on campus would take a huge amount of space, and team up with the Transportation group on the bike culture.

Transportation group Fred Walter related events at Senate Executive Committee meetings where Ken Kaushanski and Kathy Byington discussed four options to help East Campus parking:

- Parking at the research and development park using a police officer to help the buses turn onto Stony Brook Road,
- Expand South P into the soccer fields,
- Expand South P towards Stony Brook Road,
- Add a new parking lot on the corner of Patriots Road and Health Sciences Drive) which would add ~250 spots each.

A parking garage would cost ~\$80 million (typically they cost ~\$20,000 per space and ~\$50 per built sq/ft (excluding land costs)). Some comments included; at Harper College in Chicago it cost \$16.8 million for 825 spaces, the campus cannot unilaterally take away any free spots for faculty, potential to auction off certain days to other faculty members, look into diagonal spots for South P, add a small shuttle train in between the LIRR stop and the Research Park, add a monorail from the Research Park to the Hospital, and a follow up on the East Campus Bike Path proposal and the LIRR crosswalk line of sight obstruction proposal that were sent to the University Senate.

Research group was looking into the AASHE Conference in October, email subscriptions to AASHE, and starting to compile best practices.

New Business. None presented.

Next meeting is Wednesday March 27th, 2019 at 1:00pm - 2:30pm in Provost's Conference Room, Administration Room 407.

The meeting adjourned at 2:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sean Deery
UEC Undergraduate Representative