

STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY
University Senate
Campus Environment Committee

March 8, 2018 - 1:00-2:30pm

University Senate Conference Room, Psychology B First Floor

Attending: Sean Deery, Matt Eisaman, Andrew Machkasov, Bertus Jordaan, Michelino Puopolo, Fred Walter (Executive liaison), Thomas Wilson (Chair).

The meeting was called to order at 1:06pm. Sean Deery was designated as the Recording Secretary for this meeting.

The Chair welcomed attendees and expressed regret that the February meeting was cancelled due to severe illness in the Chair's family. Administrative liaison Gary Kaczmarczyk and designate Clifford Knee canceled attendance earlier today.

The minutes from the meeting of December 7th 2017 were considered. Andrew Machkasov moved and Matt Eisaman seconded that the minutes be accepted. The motion passed without objection.

The Committee has one position open from Humanities and Fine Arts and two positions open from Social and Behavioral Sciences. Fred Walter will take this to the Senate Executive. He reported that executive may just fill these as part of the regular elections process. The call for nominations should go out next month, anyone who knows people who might be interested in running for positions open or opening speak to Senate Secretary Laurie Cullen or President Ed Feldman. F. Walter said he plans to retire after his next sabbatical but can continue as liaison to the Executive Committee for another year.

The process for submitting UEC Agenda items for consideration/action was discussed. Some items are almost ready for action. Process is to submit to the Senate Executive Committee for review, there should be some concrete action to be done. They will send it back with revisions or put it forth to the Senate. If discussion with administrators produces a desired action that is fine as well but UEC should update the Executive so they know what was accomplished. The Senate Executive Committee meets weekly.

Agenda items:

1. South Campus Parking: Chair sent University Police Chief Robert Lenahan an email, waiting for response.
2. Building locking/unlocking: Chair sent University Police Chief Robert Lenahan an email, waiting for response.
3. Lake Briana/East Recharge Basin
A proposal for a research study of lake levels and a biological survey as prepared by Malcolm Bowman and Thomas Wilson was discussed and edited. Bertus Jordaan moved and Andrew Mackhasov seconded to approve the proposal as edited to be forwarded to the Senate Executive for endorsement. The motion passed unanimously.

4. East Campus Bike Safety.

The proposal to enhance bicycle and pedestrian safety on East Campus as prepared by Fred Walter was discussed and edited. Andrew Mackhasov moved and Malcolm Bowman seconded to send this report as edited to the Senate Executive for action. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Campus Master Plan. The committee will continue efforts to obtain a copy of the Campus Master Plan. Additionally there was discussion about the possibility of an Environmental Master Plan such as was done for Southampton College.

Old Business not previously considered:

6. Visibility issue at Circle Road pedestrian and bicycle crossing near LIRR station.

Possible solutions include: remove the berm that limits visibility, get a stop sign for the bikers, put in a barrier so bikers must dismount, have flashing cross lights that go off when pedestrians and cyclists are actually at the crossing

New business not previously considered:

7. Lack of branding visibility when entering University at the LIRR entrance.

8. Senate retreat March 23rd noon-5pm, Wang 201. Chair and one additional member from each committee invited to participate. If interested please contact Chair.

9. What inventories exist of unmet maintenance needs (leaks, etc.) on campus?

Next meeting: April 5th Thursday at 1:30pm-2:30pm, May 3rd, Thursday at 1:00pm-2:00pm [changed to 1:30pm – 2:30pm to avoid conflict with PEG Board – Chair]

Bertus Jordaan made a motion to adjourn and the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 2:15pm.

Submitted by Sean Deery, Recording Secretary and edited by Thomas Wilson, Chair.