

STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Environment Committee

Meeting of August 9, 2023, 1:00 PM EST

Online meeting (Zoom)

In attendance: Thomas Wilson (chair), Sian Piret, Clifford Knee, Frederick Walter, Gary Kaczmarczyk, Christopher Percival, Christopher Sellers, and Tiffany Friedman

1:08 meeting called to order by TW. 2 new members, Sian Piret and Christopher Percival

Introductions

Tom introduced himself hoping someone will serve as Chair next year.

Cliff intro, Frederick Walter intro, Tiffany Friedman intro - interested in env issues - 2 years committee, Chris Sellers - intro 3 years on committee, GK introduction - serve as liaison to admin, Sian Piret - intro, Chris Percival - intro

TW thanked all for being there

Update

Dan Amarante going to another institution - vacancies are available.

TW - no one ran for west campus professional position on west campus, Executive Committee has appointed Tom for one more year. He will be on the committee but would prefer to have someone else be the chair. Anyone willing? 1 month to step up. He encourages anyone to be the chair. He will still be around to help out.

Consideration of Draft minutes. Tiffany will help with past meeting notes.

Ashley Shiff

- The Senate exec contacted the Administration.
- Immediate response they are working on it
- TW wants to be part of the dialogue.
- TW meeting will Bill Herman
- A large portion of Ashley Shiff will be preserved minus a couple of acres in case expansion needs to happen
- Susan Shane is doing the legal things.
- We want to make sure there is some legal protection
- Tiffany will accompany TW to the meeting with Bill and Susan

Energy working group

Chris Sellers,

- This is the year of the final draft. Chris tried to lay out a vision for the campus. Looking at steps to get there. Started this after the campus put out a clean energy master plan. Chris gave an update as why we started the group and developed the plan and presentation. We are in a good position to ask for support and move this far beyond where we are.
- Gary
 - Have you looked at other University Institutions
 - Chris / One other University was looked at. But we need to improve ourselves and take some leadership.
- Fred
 - Looked at the report and it is almost ready to go. He has some questions/comments that he will email to Chris.
 - Question about the Hospital vs. the University energy usage reporting.
 - Fred made some recommendations on the energy report.
 - TW - Tom has some recommendations for the draft. But it looks good. Needs to be polished a bit. We can then send to Lanzillotta and Harrigan for a fact check
 - CS - Tried to make everything understandable and some points may still need to be added.
 - TW - do one more polish and then send it to Terrance H and Tom L for fact check and recommendations. And then we will have a polished version in September for approval. Presentation to senate in the fall possible October/November time frame. Need to make sure we are approaching this in the appropriate manner.

Old Business - NA

New Business - NA

Additional Questions;

- Tiffany - Can TW keep email after retirement. TW working on it. Fred thinks you will be able to keep it.
- CP - Are there other active working groups?
- TW - There are other groups working on other topics. If you're interested in a specific topic we can put a group together for you. If you want to bring people to work on a topic we can loop them in

Meeting adjourned: 1:36 pm.

Next meeting Sept 13 at 1:00pm