

Campus Environment Committee

Draft Agenda for Thursday November 15 Meeting
1:00 p.m. Room 221 Administration

Introductions - all

Review of the Minutes - Nick Koridis

Status Report

Environmental Master Plan - Barbara Chernow

Developments at Southampton – Barbara Chernow

Developments at the Research and Development Park – Barbara Chernow

Campus Sustainability Task Force - Amy Provenzano

Recycling on Campus - Amy Provenzano

University Safety Committee – M. Hotaling

Parking and Transportation Subcommittee -- R. Walls, P. Siegel, B. Dethlefs and M.

Hotaling

Campus Environmental Committee Charge

How do we move forward on?

Stony Brook University should be a leader in developing a regional master plan.

Subcommittee Reports

Smoking --

Friends of the Ashley Schiff Park Preserve –

Other - All

Next Meeting - All

Adjourn

Recommended Campus Environmental Committee Charge:

This committee shall examine all aspects of the campus environment, including but not limited to conservation of natural areas, ecological preserves, and historical artifacts, transportation, parking issues, infrastructure, facilities planning, human health issues, safety and security energy efficiency, recycling, waste management, and general appearance of all campuses. It will consult with and advise the Assistant or the Vice-president for Facilities and Services.

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Stony Brook University
University Senate
Campus Environment Committee
November 15, 2007
VP Administration Conference Room
1:00 – 2:30 pm

Attending: Gil Hanson, Chair; Ramona Walls, Vice Chair; Nick Koridis, Recording Secretary; Mary Hotaling, Amy Provenzano, Kristen Nyitray, John Murray, John Robinson, Fred Walter, Krupa Gohil, Louis Esparza.

Excused: Wendy Fidao, Gary Kaczmarczyk, Paul Siegel, Dorothy Shannon Schiff, Ana Topolovec, Catherine Vetter and Muriel Weyl. Robert Aller, Malcolm Bowman, Bill Dethlefs, Catherine Horgan, Kathleen Weber, Barbara Chernow

Staff: Barbara Chernow, Amy Provenzano

Guest: Louis Esparza (smoking policy committee)

Meeting called to order by: Gil Hanson at 1:00 PM (ended at 2:39 PM)

I. Introductions – G. Hanson

Introductions were made of all attendees

II. Review of the Minutes – Nick Koridis

III. Status Reports

1. **Environmental Master Plan - Barbara Chernow**
2. **Developments at Southampton – Barbara Chernow**
3. **Developments at the Research and Development Park – Barbara Chernow**
4. **Sustainability Task Force – A. Provenzano**
 - Amy Provenzano discussed the ground breaking ceremony at the R&D campus for the second building.
 - Amy announced the first commitment was signed on September 15 regarding the American College & University President's Climate Commitment.
 - There are actions such as the climate neutral greenhouse gases to be reduced in the first two years.
 - Our first building to be built to meet the silver LEED or equivalent.
 - Talks about research and conservation when rehabbing existing buildings and building new.
 - Reduce energy at the lowest level possible on campus. The Co-generation plant helps our campus in this effort with the by-product of our existing energy needs.
 - A target date of 2010 is when the campus will reduce as much as possible on greenhouse gases.

5. Recycling on Campus - Amy Provenzano

- Amy reported that the HSC and Basic Science Towers are on board to recycle bottles, cans and paper.
- Slim-Jim units for recycling bins are available and will be fully implemented.
- Fred requested information on how much waste recycles we go through.
- An average of 69% goes to landfills and 31% recycled. It could be more like 50% because of the recycling program for road construction and debris. This can skew actual figures since SBU implemented this program for road construction.
- Amy spoke about a grant to monitor the waste stream and is researching ideas.
- Amy mentions that Jet removes debris twice a day, from two separate funding sources at the weigh station one for academic and one for campus residence dumpsters. It will take a while to change behavior and it will eventually work out with sustainability.
- Fred spoke about the concept of banning bottled water and how we can change that on campus.
- Gil asked Amy to look into banning bottled water but understanding the need for available water. Fred suggested refilling water bottles to decrease the amount of plastic bottles that are thrown out instead of recycled.
- John talked about water fountain issues to keep them clean. Who checks them for contaminants?
- Krupa mentioned that students' perceptions were that they do not like the taste and are not the same as bottled water. She mentioned that Kelly dining has no water fountains.

6. University Safety Committee – M. Hotaling

- Mary Hotaling reported that the Presidents office will reform this committee and report back at our next meeting.

7. Parking and Transportation Subcommittee – M. Hotaling

- Ramona announced that the transportation committee will meet after Thanksgiving to discuss and gather data.
- James O'Connor has joined this committee who spoke about additional bus service.
- Ramona inquired about parking permits and how to determine how many parking spaces are needed versus actual permits issued.
- Amy will forward to Ramona information regarding zip codes of campus commuters who will include faculty, staff and students.
- Jim is currently providing a report to Barbara Chernow and will seek to add an approximate 350 parking spots by removing islands at south P-Lot. There has been a significant increase in vehicles at South P-Lot since the fines have doubled.
- A request was made to have members join the sub-committee for parking and transportation.

- Union representatives will be asked to attend a meeting to come up with a set of recommendations to present to the Senate and the Senate to present to the Administration.

8. Campus Environmental Committee Charge

- Gil recommended that this committee change its name and charge which can include Southampton, Manhattan and the R&D campuses. The new name would reflect on a global sense as University Environment Committee instead.
- Amy said more than likely R&D would be on board with this change.
- Fred suggested that other campuses could be on their own since they are remote and may be difficult to follow their issues.
- Ramona acknowledged that we should be consistent with planning in a regional way. Other campuses represented can bring in their ideas.
- Gil suggested that it should be consistent with our overall goal for all campuses.
- Gil also suggested a teleconference as discussed for this committee rather than visiting the campus.
- Gil entertained feedback from the committee and stressed the importance about being consistent regarding the policy.

9. Subcommittee Reports

- Smoking – Louis Edgar Esparza, chair of the committee for smoking spoke about the opposition of the smoking ban. The Graduate Student Organization and Undergraduate Student Government.
- The resolution main feature is the ban is off the table.
- A new policy extending distance from campus entrances to buildings. Current distance is 15' and often they are moved 20-25'.
- Medical facilities have more stringent issues when it comes to health care and JACHO.
- A suggestion was made to make it more stringent by changing it from 15'-50'. This would be contingent on each designated smoking area and its surrounding conditions.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: Thursday, January 17, 2008 at 1:00 PM VP Conference Room

CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE 2007/2008

Charge: It shall examine all aspects of the campus environment, including but not limited to safety, security, facilities planning, state of facilities, and general appearance of the campus. It will consult with and advise the Assistant Vice President for Facilities and Services.

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2007/2008

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