

Stony Brook University
University Senate
Campus Environment Committee
October 21, 2008
VP Administration Conference Room
3:30 – 5:00 pm

Attending: Gil Hanson, Chair; Nick Koridis, Recording Secretary; Mary Hotaling, Fred Walter, Paul Siegel, John Murray, John Robinson, Catherine Horgan, Geeta Maleickal, Dylan Selterman, Julia Link, Jonathan Mandel, and Amandeep Pahar.

Excused: Wendy Fidao, Dorothy Shannon Schiff, Krupa Gohil, Muriel Weyl, Ramona Walls, Vice Chair; Kristen Nyitray, and Kathleen Weber

Staff: Amy Provenzano

Guests: Malcolm Bowman,

Meeting called to order by: Gil Hanson at 3:30 PM (ended at 4:45 PM)

I. Introductions – G. Hanson

Introductions were made of all attendees. There were no meeting minutes for September. Nick passed around a copy of the final minutes for August 2008 minutes.

- II. Review of the Minutes – Paul suggested we acknowledge the minutes of August 2008 should reflect that Dr. Richard Mann should be recognized as the former VP of Admin. Minutes were accepted and approved.

III. Status Reports

1. **Environmental Master Plan – Amy Provenzano**

- Main campus will not move forward until two other master plans are complete.
- There are many capital projects that are affected by critical maintenance issues that are important.
- The Manhattan campus is not included as part of the master plan.

2. **Developments at the Research and Development Park – Amy Provenzano**

- CEWIT is mostly complete; the IT piece is near completion and now awaiting occupancy.
- AERTC is in progress and built by campus lets projects. AERTC is from outside funding and not state.
- A request was asked about from what funding, grants, etc? Amy to provide that information for inclusion in the minutes.
- Procurement is ready to move in building 17.
- Hotel status still maintains the same, no one interested in the site at this time.
- A question of when the ground lease is expected to expire for the 11.5 acres.
- Another question was raised as the impact on campus traffic.
- A traffic study two years ago indicated to have it off the circle.
- Malcolm suggested demolishing the existing Student Union in lieu of current location.

- Marriott hotel was interested in the site at one time.
- Malcolm inquired about traffic control at Stony Brook Road and suggested a roundabout.
- A request was made to reflect the past minutes in reference to the opposition of the entrance/hotel site.

3. Campus Sustainability Task Force/Recycling – Amy Provenzano

- The campus has a program called Freewheels where students collect bicycles that left on campus in disrepair. They repair them in the Student Union Basement and distribute them for free to students who need to get around on campus. This program is successful and has been used at other universities.
- Gil mentioned number of student bikes have been trashed and vandalized as this committee should review safe places on campus to store bikes.
- Suggestions are needed to come up with a bike storage facility in campus buildings or resident halls. Amy liked the photo Nick had of a bike rack system from Syracuse University Campus. The bike rack systems use less of a footprint and are lockable in a vertical position.
- LIRR to open dialogue for bike/pedestrian overpass to connect bike paths.
- Amy said she will provide a presentation for a proposed green house gas inventory for the next meeting.
- Campus dining has changed containers that are bio-degradable.
- Behind Roth café, there is a composter which will be implemented once opened.
- Move out program is working out well with over 17k lbs of clothing, non perishable food, sneakers, electronics, etc. that were collected.
- The food is distributed to the Port Jeff food pantry, goodwill clothing, etc.
- Energy conservation task force, discussions and are looking for students, faculty and staff. Malcolm as well as others offered to attend.
- The cost for utilities is estimated at 1 mil dollars a week for campus utilities.

4. Smoking Policy Sub-committee – Gil Hanson

- Nothing to report at this time.

5. University Safety Committee – Mary Hotaling

- The report was finished in June and published on-line; Dr. Kenny's website for safety.
- Topics and issues for students and other potential weapons.
- A question was asked who was responsible for writing policy.
- Gil asked is we should keep it on the agenda.
- Donna Buehler of EAP was chair of the committee which is a standing committee.
- Amy said Dr. Kenny initiated a lab safety committee as she is the administrator of that committee.

5. Parking and Transportation Subcommittee – Ramona Walls

- Paul spoke on behalf of Ramona as she is part of this committee.
- Parking lots were a concern which Paul spoke about.
- Dylan Selterman acknowledged some of the issues.
- John Robinson would like to review bus concerns as Paul will take charge.
- A few members expressed an interest to participate in this committee.

6. Friends of Ashley Schiff

- Paul announced a scholarship that was awarded to Amy Jenson. There is a dvd called “stand” which promotes Ashley Schiff.
- It explains the details about the preserve and is available on the library server.
- The will come up with a management plan for the preserve similar to Cornell.
- Plant survey was performed by students on site. They may have discovered an endangered species in the preserve.
- Ashley Schiff died 39 yrs ago, they found old records and site plan (blue print) although the preserve was never granted on campus for ever wild status.

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- Gil discussed the mission for the committee for the new members.
- Gil also expressed to the committee that he would like to step down as Committee Chair and if anyone else was interested in taking over the position.
- Fred and Paul said they would chair the subcommittee.
- Gil will be willing to chair the committee for another year.
- A new vice chair as John Robinson.
- Gill will continue for one year and a motion was approved unanimously that Gil become a member in full standing of this committee.
- This will go to the executive committee.

Plans for the coming year

- Question of future topics for the next agenda items.
- Come back and speak with other colleagues that are the main environmental topics on campus such as transportation, finance, saving energy, water management, etc.
- John Robinson (co-chair)
- Meeting time, third Tuesday in November 18, 3:30 pm in the Administration Building, Office of the VP.

4:45 pm meeting adjourned.

CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE 2008/2009

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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