

STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY SENATE
Campus Environment Committee

Meeting of May 8th, 2018, 1:00-2:20 pm
Provost's Conference Room, Administration 407

DRAFT MINUTES - rev 5/8/2019

Attendance: Tom Wilson (Chair), Fred Walter, Sean Deery (acting Secretary), Michelino Puopolo, Mona Ramonetti, Andrew Machkasov, Clifford Knee, Dmitri Tsybychev, Gary Kaczmarczyk, Paul Siegel, Sharon Pochron, Shirley Lim

Meeting called to order at 1:02pm.

Tom Wilson will circulate the April 17th minutes via email for review. If no amendments are put forth, the minutes were approved unanimously; motion carried.

Chair Report. Membership terms for the committee will turnover on September 1st. Election results will be posted soon. Sean and Andrew are graduating, but hope to stay involved. Tom has reserved the committee meeting times and rooms for next semester - first Wednesday of each month in the Administration Building. New meeting schedules will be considered when new members are added, but preference will be given to the existing meeting schedule.

Sub-committees.

The Natural Environment group will be installing the monitoring equipment in Lake Brianna this summer. A guest presentation by Dr. Sharon Pochron was given during committee meeting in regards to the Ashley Schiff Preserve. The Stony Brook campus was founded in 1962 and Ashley Schiff was hired as a Political Science professor in 1964. The 1960's was a time of great unrest and the sad state of campus safety, lighting, crowding, and landscaping led the students to hold a three day strike. Ashley Schiff took action and started organizing students and professionals to start making progress on some major issues on campus. He was voted best professor two years in a row before passing away in 1969 at the age of 37. President Toll set aside the woods in 1970 to be kept forever wild in Ashley Schiff's honor. The woods contain a variety of plant species on the DEC list of state protected plants and were once walked through by President George Washington. Plans for the Friends of the Ashley Schiff Preserve include maintaining their website, social media, student blog posts, getting more people involved, promoting the Campus Landmark status, and increasing the amount of students who know about the Preserve. The three main goals of the Friends are to use the Preserve as a living laboratory (6 classes already use the Preserve in some fashion), perform academic research, and keep the woods forever wild. The main activities of the Friends include student scholarships, Bramble Rambles, and Friendraisers. The main issue with getting legal preserve status is the approval process (Campus President, University Council, SUNY Chancellor, then Governor). Some remarks on the presentation included getting the memo that President Toll wrote about the Preserve as the basis of a future resolution.

The Efficiency, Recycling, Livability group worked with FSA to install 5 raised boxes and 2 raised beds near East Side Dining. These new gardens and the SAC gardens are now filled with a variety of vegetables and herbs. The analysis of 2017/18 club expenditures on disposable plates, cups, and cutlery added up to ~\$9,000 and ~\$125,000 of restaurant services which come with the disposable smallware. This information will be brought to FSA and a financial model for how a smallware rental system would run will be calculated.

Transportation group will reach out to Kathleen Byington who is heading a university sponsored parking study.

The Pesticides Group drafted additional language to the pest control policy which will be recommended to Environmental Health and Safety. Motion by Dmitri and a second by Mona; motion carried.

The Research group is looking for students who might want to apply for a Fellowship to the AASHE Conference which covers registration. Stony Brook was designated as a Tree Campus USA campus which means we have established a tree advisory committee, a campus tree-care plan, dedicated annual expenditures for the campus tree program, and annual observance of Arbor Day. The group will try to find out who the advisory committee is and if they are following the remove a tree plant a tree policy.

New Business. None presented.

Next meeting is in the Fall 2019 semester.

The meeting adjourned at 2:19pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sean Deery
UEC Undergraduate Representative