

STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Environment Committee

Meeting of April 14, 2021, 1:00-2:30 PM

Online meeting (Zoom)

In attendance: Thomas Wilson, Sarah Battaglia, Frederick Walter, Mona Ramonetti, Hiya Panja, Carlos Colosqui, Matthew Eisaman, Clifford Knee, Malcolm Bowman, Joanna Kaczorowska. Gary Kaczmarczyk,

Meeting called to order at 1:07 PM.

Consideration of the March minutes: Tom Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes; Malcolm Bowman 1st & Mona Ramonetti 2nd. The minutes were approved without opposition.

Chair Report: Tom Wilson transmitting from Hamptons from shores of Mecox Bay. Tom explained that the remote work survey is making great progress. Tom detailed his strawman plan and the need for the committee to move fast so that it can be submitted to the Senate in a timely fashion. Mona agreed that it was doable. Tom mentioned that he would like to have final comments back from the Senate by 4/26/21 and all should be complete by May 3rd. Tom will draft the report and submit on behalf of the committee. . All raw data will stay with the committee.

Tom asked what is the best way to quantify the report or the data collected from the survey.

Fred explained that it would be best to represent the finding as a percentage.

Volunteers have been identified to collect and summarize data from the campus survey that was conducted.

- Mona will:
 - Break out the numbers by location, person, modes of transport etc..Detail specific
- Sarah will:
 - Collect and summarize the comments from the surveys.
- Fred will:
 - Take an independent look at the survey and analyze potential data points.
- Matt will :
 - Take a look at car miles saved/minutes saved.
 - Matt will try to use a representative sample to express results.
- Carlos will:
 - Report on the number of parking spaces potentially freed up from working from home and how commuting can be foregone.

Tom mentioned that Information will go up on Google and shared.

Comments:

(Tom) Now that we know how to remote work we should take advantage of it. If we can be effective and environmentally conscious then we should continue on this road. If we can allow a certain amount of remote work. This will eliminate the need to build more parking spaces and ultimately benefit the SBUs environmental sustainability.

(Carlos) We need to be careful about the benefits of working remote. Because there is the possibility that we can be damaging our funding.

(Tom) he agreed we need to find the balance. 5 or 10 % of the load off the campus / Environmental Benefit.

(Frederick) we did this experiment about 20 years ago. When the phones were removed from Humanities faculty offices many faculty started working from home, only coming in to campus for classes and office hours. Fred commented that we should possibly be looking at jobs that don't need to be on campus everyday. But we don't want to have a campus that is a zoom campus. We need to find the balance.

Old & New Business

Earthstock

- Malcolm - Contribute to Earthstock as you can.
- Jeff Barnett is looking to pull this together.

TIAA

- The TIAADivest resolution passed the University Senate.

Other working groups?

- NO report

COVID

- (Tom) J&J on hold
- Malcolm - Risk of commuting students and the risk of them bringing it to campus..

Lake Brianna

- Tom has been collecting data; he just needs to take a look at it.
- Tom has new survey GPS running, plans to use it to survey Brianna basin.

Chevron parking

- Malcom inquired about the Chevron parking availability.

Sarah - Are minutes ok from February March (Tom replied Yes)

Motion to adjourn 1:57pm Made by Sarah, Seconded by Carlos. Without objection meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Cliff Knee.