

**Minutes** *(draft)*

Stony Brook University, University Senate

University Environment Committee

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Admissions Conference Room 118: 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

**Minute Keeper:** Michael Conrad

**Attended:** Michael Conrad (new Grad Rep), Malcolm Bowman, Jennifer Anderson, Dawn Pappas, Teri Tiso, Keith Martin (replacing Laura Costello), Fred Walter.

Need to get an undergraduate representative. Look at Environment club.

**Guest:** Ed Feldman, University Senate

**Introductions:**

**Agenda:** Need to elect new leadership.

**Motion to Approve the minutes:** Dawn Pappas, Second-John Robinson

1) **New Business/New Concerns:**

Ed Feldman (President of University Senate): Each school has its own senate. University Senate overarching. Dozen Standing Committees. Visit each one. Better coordination between main senate and committees. Fred will be the go to person. Resolutions to Senate for power in initiative. This committee meets as issues arise. Work with administration so that mission of committee is implemented. Broad based support will create more acceptability of policies.

Dawn Pappas: Have been meeting regularly. Morale low amongst staff in regards to University projects.

Malcolm Bowman: Building plans introduced with no real opportunity for committee interaction.

Fred: Budgets have been slashed. Even the landscaping funds. All departments asked to do more with less.

Lake Brianna: Pressure put on DEC to remove wetland refuge for recharge basin.

Assets of having an organizational chart of admins. John Fogarty add to list. Secondary from Bob Megna should be sent.

2) **Re-energize previous initiatives:**

Loss of prestige by no longer having the VP Meeting Room. Key VPs once visited committee. Worth trying to get back? More clout? Will contact Bob Megna.

Strengthen relations with Union.

Reenergize Lake Brianna initiative. Get DEC to stay firm.

Get Carey Gallagher (DEC) to attend meetings.

Bicycle Safety on East Campus. Less stop signs near LIRR. Maybe use a light warning system as used on the Setauket walkway. Dangerous section around ???

No welcome sign at train station. No map at campus. Who handles signage? No signs at Parking Garage and SBS/Humanities area.

Fred: Need to start writing reports and submit them to the cognate administrator and then have it approved by senate.

**3) Leadership:**

a) John Robinson: Involved in landscaping changes. Has been on committee for some time.

**4) Elections for Chair, Vice Chair:**

**5) Old Business:**

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**Motion to adjourn:**

**Meeting adjourned** at: 2:48 PM