

STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY SENATE

Campus Environment Committee

Minutes of the meeting of April 12, 1:00-2:30 pm - version 2.
Virtual meeting on Zoom.

In attendance: Tom Wilson (chair), Dan Amarante, Clifford Knee, Gary Kaczmarczyk, Michileno Puopolo, Mona Ramonetti, Mei Sen Lam, Chris Sellers, Tiffany Friedman, Frederick Walter.

TW - Called to order at 1:06pm

TW – 3 years ago March Env committee meeting was held remotely. TW Point out the Covid emergency has lifted. SBU response should be seen as a model. Thank you to everyone that has worked hard for everyone

GK – it was a team approach many teams that did a great job.

TW – the process was part of the success and we should continue to work together like that.

GK – update on the public advisory committee. Meant to look at emerging diseases that could affect the campus community and plan for the future.

TW – shared governance is going to be a part of this as well.

Consideration of draft minutes. Thank you Tiffany

TW accept the motion

Chris Sellers and Fred Walters to accept the minutes from last month.

Ashley Shiff

TW - preparing a final document. It will follow the presentation. Bill Herman will be provided the notes.

TW – putting together a petition for the permanent formal protection for Ashley Shiff. Booth at Earth Stock. The Friends of Ashley Schiff will be providing tours 3 times during the week. He hopes to have the draft report for the next meeting

TW – Governors Island announcement will be made in the next few weeks.

Energy working group

CS - Group met yesterday. Draft plan in place. Discussions with Terrance Harrigan and Tom Lanzilotta. They are trying to reach the climate goals. Main way is by buying clean energy from the grid. CS - Groups thought is to try to get more on site solar. University seems off the mark. They feel it is important to have a strongly worded report to try and improve the long term thinking and strategizing. Looking to find ways to bring more faculty and students in. Should have a draft done within the month.

TW – Hopefully the report will provide options. Develop a Yes / And report.

Discussion followed.

Parking

TW - has made suggestions for revamping the Parking Advisory Board. No response.

Commuters vs. student vs faculty/staff parking. TW is asking for representatives for the Parking Advisory Board if that position. Mona accepted the position. TW will continue to advocate for reconstituting the board. Mona will be on the bench and wait for guidance.

Old Business

TW - the committee will need a new chair in September. TW is retiring. He is happy to help though. TW has a large number of files and information to pass on to the new members. CS suggested to send to all members.

TW – Next month is the last committee meeting of the semester. TW would like to have meetings in the summer to finalize some projects and to continue important conversations. Most members will be available.

New Business

TW - The Senate Bylaws revision. Conversation with Jason Torres. TW shared the working copy of the ByLaws Revision. He discussed the working document and reviewed the campus environment portion and discussed the additional comments. Suggestion to either drop campus or use the word University. In recognition of the wording change. Suggestions to drop Safety and Security.

Participation in Earth Stock

TW – Do we want a table – Most important thing is to get the Ashley Shiff petition off the ground. TW recommended to go and enjoy yourself instead of having a table.

CS – We should be clear about why we are going to Earthstock.

TW – Skip this year. But will have the Ashley Schiff Petition

Any New Business - No

Next meeting – May 10th.

TW - Motion to adjoin?

Dan Amarante

Adjourned at 1:41pm.

Minutes submitted by Cliff Knee.