

**STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY SENATE**  
**University Environment Committee**  
Meeting of February 8, 2023, 1:00 PM EST  
Online meeting (Zoom)

In attendance: Thomas Wilson, chair, Nicholas Smith, Clifford Knee, Richard Stein, Mei Sen Lam, Frederick Walter, Tiffany Friedman, Dan Amarante, Michelino Puopolo, Giacinto Piacquadio, and Joanna Kaczorowdka.

Called to order by Chair at 1:00pm.

Acceptance of minutes of January 11, 2023: Nick, second by Dan Amarante

**Chair update:**

Thomas Wilson: Terence Harrigan gave a report on energy. The meeting was recorded and put on the Senate website. I will forward the link to the recording, and, thanks to Richard, we also have a copy of Harrigan's presentation. There will also be a presentation on parking in a future senate meeting. The students are complaining about parking on campus. Unfortunately, Heidi Hutner has resigned from the committee. As you may know, she is one of the principals in a documentary on the women of 3 Mile Island, and that documentary has been released. She is promoting the documentary. Therefore, there is one seat open in social and behavioral sciences, and one in health sciences. If you happen to know anybody who would be interested in becoming a member of the committee.

**Energy group update:**

Thomas Wilson: Dan, Christopher, Giacinto and Malcolm are part of the group.

Dan Amarante: The major concern right now is cost to upgrade the energy system at Stony Brook.

Thomas Wilson: Anybody else interested in joining the group? If not, I will leave it with Chris and company.

**Ashley Schiff update:**

Tiffany Friedman: It really concerns me that they might cut down the preserve in order to electrify the campus.

Thomas Wilson: Ashley is only 2.6% of the campus which is significant. It serves as a place for education, recreation, and preservation of the national environment. There's 308 plant and animal species that have been documented in the preserve so far. It's currently used for instruction by 8 different undergraduate courses. It's used for undergraduate honors, and research projects. In addition to science, it's been used for music, drama, and art. It can be a preserve.

Thomas Wilson: shows a video that will be presented at the University Senate and the committee agrees the video looks fine.

Thomas Wilson: I would entertain a motion to forward this to the Senate Executive committee for approval and presentation to the University Senate at the next meeting.

Tiffany moves.

Nick seconds

**Parking update:**

Frederick Walter: As long as we have telecommuting, I don't think there's really a parking problem on campus. There's a problem parking where you want to park, which is the student complaint.

M. Puopolo: Right now there is construction on the east campus but parking over there is okay.

Richard Stein: I noticed there are a lot more electric vehicle charging stations on campus and they're being utilized a lot more. However, there are people parked in the electric spots sitting there.

Old Business

New Business

Adjournment at 1:48 pm.

Minutes submitted by Tiffany Freidman.