

STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY SENATE University Environment Committee

Meeting of December 06, 2023, 1:00 PM EST Online meeting (Zoom)

In attendance: Thomas Wilson, chair, Christopher Percival, Clifford Knee, Christopher Sellers, Gary Kaczmarczyk, Barbara Boyle, Sara Poon, Peg Spitzer, Mona Ramonetti, Bowen Cheng, Maggie Li, Malcolm Bowman, Heather Lynch

Meeting called to order by Chair at 1:00pm.

Quick Note:

- Located a candidate for the open committee seat for the Natural Sciences position.

Adoption of draft Meeting Minutes of August 9, 2023—moved by Christopher Sellers, second by Christopher Percival. Without objection, minutes are adopted.

Energy Working Group:

Thomas Wilson: Chris and I presented to the University Senate on Monday. It went well overall.

- Idea for student involvement: Clean energy curriculum -> internship
- Sustainability office can bring in some student assistance. If you employ them properly and motivate them, they can do a lot of good.

Christopher Sellers: Match up students with particular projects on various parts of the campus. Asking the instructor if we can give a guest presentation for 1 hour for one class.

Ashley Schiff Group:

Thomas Wilson: Status report- not much happened. Waiting for Bill Herman and facilities to move on with the survey, and I did send them a follow-up. I also spoke to Richard Larson, and he agreed it was time. It's been 2 or 3 months, so it's time to press them.

- 1 or 2 acres out of the 26.7 acres preserve is acceptable, but not 10.
- Question: How to maintain the preservation so it cannot be undone in the future.

Tiffany Friedman: I don't know why my mind goes to this, but just so they won't use our own environmental plan against us. However, we should ensure they don't cut down the trees to put up solar panels.

Sustainability Group:

- Members: Malcolm, Fred, Sean, Mona, Maggie
- Dealing with ranking/school standing when it comes to energy/sustainability

Composting Group:

Sara Poon:

- Composter that FSA is using: they need students to be composting. Maybe do a competition such as dormitory vs. dormitory.
- Goal is to expand it to throughout all the residence halls.
- Educational aspect is important.

Working group members: Sara Poon, Maggie Li, Peg Spitzer

Biking Path Project:

Christopher Percival: We haven't made really any progress since last time. The plan was to revisit the previous report as the first course of action.

- Idea:
 - o Expert input in urban planning or the transportation planning aspect.
 - o Reaching out to engineering students to take on the project of how you design a better system for transportation on campus.
 - o Decentralized steam or distribution system

Lake Brianna Project:

- Need students to take on the research project. Seeking out students.

Spotted Lanternfly control report:

- Currently, custodial has been notified. And we're working with some departments to make sure that we get the message out. So, we'll be doing some communication and trying to control the best we can.

The meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Minutes compiled by Maggie Li.