EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
ACADEMIC, APPELLATE, AND SENATE COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT

Please forward the completed annual report to the Faculty Senate office via email (facultysenate@ecu.edu) no later than May 1, 2012. Thank you.

2011-2012 Academic Year

COMMITTEE: ___University Environment Committee___

1. **Membership** (include ex-officio members).

   *Regular Members*
   Michael O’Driscoll
   Brian Glover
   Joyce Buck
   Bob Chin
   Lucas Carr
   Helena Feder
   Jill Twark

   *Ex-officio Members*
   Bill Koch and Tom Pohlman
   Eric Gardner
   John Core
   John Gill
   Margit Schmidt
   Hunt McKinnon
   Ron Hicks

2. **Meeting Dates** (include members present*).
   * and members who contributed to committee action, but were not at the meeting.

   MEETING DATE:  9-29-11 Meeting brought to order at 3:15 PM
   PERSON PRESIDING:  Marianna Walker, Faculty Chair
   REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Brian Glover, Joyce Buck, Jill Twark, Michael O’Driscoll, Bob Chin, Helena Feder
   EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Hunt McKinnon, Eric Gardner, Tom Pohlman
   OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Lori Lee
   (Faculty Senate)

   MEETING DATE:  10-27-11
   PERSON PRESIDING:  Brian Glover
   REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Joyce Buck, Jill Twark, Michael
O'Driscoll, Helena Feder, Lucas Carr,
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Hunt McKinnon, Tom Pohlman, Margit Schmidt
OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Lori Lee (Faculty Senate), Marianna Walker, (Chair of the Faculty), Karen Stephenson, (Aramark rep.), Victoria Banks (Eco-Pirates), Bill Koch (Parking & Transportation)

MEETING DATE:  1-26-12
PERSON PRESIDING: Brian Glover
REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Joyce Buck, Brian Glover, Michael O’Driscoll, Jill Twark, Bob Chin, Lucas Carr
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Eric Gardner, John Gill, Margit Schmidt, Tom Pohlman,
OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Wood Davidson (ECU Transit), Ronald Hicks (SGA Senator), Timothy Darden

MEETING DATE:  2-23-12
PERSON PRESIDING: Brian Glover
REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Brian Glover, Joyce Buck, Lucas Carr, Bob Chin, Michael O’Driscoll, Jill Twark
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: John Gill, Tom Pohlman, Margit Schmidt, Eric Gardner
OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Kelly (Aramark Representative)

MEETING DATE:  3-22-12
PERSON PRESIDING: Brian Glover
REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Brian Glover, Joyce Buck, Jill Twark, Bob Chin, Michael O’Driscoll,
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Tom Pohlman, Hunt McKinnon, Margit Schmidt, John Gill
OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Brian Pipkin (University Energy Engineer & Chair, Sustainability Committee)

April 26, 2012

3. Subcommittees established during the year (include progress and/or completion of work).
   None.

4. Accomplishments during the year, especially as addressed through
committee goals. Please include recommendations made to any University agency other than the Faculty Senate that will be noted under #5.

A. Completed Goals for 2011-2012:

**Goal #1: Publish results of last year's survey** (Survey of ECU Faculty on Environmental Sustainability Instruction) and submit report to Faculty Senate.

**Results:** The report was presented to Faculty Senate, 3/27/12

**Goal #2: Contact and invite a representative of Aramark** to attend regularly scheduled meetings.

**Results:** Done.

**Goal # 5:** Consult with Student Transit and Parking and Transportation regarding alternate methods of transportation and reduction of bus idling.

**Results:** A) Jill Twark discovered that the idling policy already exists; B) Brian Glover and Lucas Carr worked with Parking and Transportation to suggest new policies, including limited-use car parking passes for regular bicycle commuters. C) Eric Gardner worked with Campus Recreation on plans to provide bike rentals on campus.

**Goal #6:** Apply to the League of American Bicyclists for “Bicycle-Friendly Status”


**Results:** Brian Glover and Lucas Carr worked with Parking and Transportation on this project; though we determined that ECU is not yet ready to apply for this designation, we gathered valuable information that will be important to the upcoming ECU Bicycle Master Plan.

**Goal #7:** Re-establish contact with Eco-Pirates and SGA regarding a senior project

**Results:** Contact made with SGA, regarding “Sustainability Signage”

**Goal # 8** Work with ECU Childcare Services to reduce toxic toys provided for children.
**Results:** Helena Feder made inquiries which, while not leading to action, clarified the policies of Childcare Services regarding toxic plastics in toys.

B. Additional Actions:

1. **Rain Gardens for Stormwater Management**
   Michael O’Driscoll presented a power point regarding use of rain gardens to improve stormwater management in the Greenville area; UEC agreed to draft a proposal letter.

2. **Pathway Improvements**
   UEC received community input from Timothy Darden on the need for more sidewalks on campus, to improve building accessibility and increase water drainage. John Gill (Facility Services) discussed extensive plans already in place at Facilities Management.

3. **Coordination with the Sustainability Committee**
   UEC received a presentation by Brian Pipkin, ECU’s Energy Manager, on ways we can collaborate to publicize the University’s energy programs and goals among the faculty. Jill Twark will be attending Sustainability Committee meetings.

4. **Sustainability Signage**
   Brian Glover presented pictures of signs from Duke University that advertise sustainability, then researched the cost of those signs. Jill Twark contacted the SGA about making the signs an SGA project.

5. **AASHE “Stars” program** [https://stars.aashe.org/](https://stars.aashe.org/)
   Bob Chin proposed that ECU use the goals identified by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education to pursue sustainability programs, if not actually to enter the AASHE’s “Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System.”

6. **Rain Garden Project**
   The UEC endorsed a faculty grant application to install rain gardens around campus.

7. **14th St. Parking Lot Project**
   UEC received a presentation and gave feedback on proposed renovations to the 14th St. parking lot across from Belk Hall.

5. **Reports to the Faculty Senate** (include dates and resolution numbers).
3/27/12: Results of Sustainability Survey reported to Faculty Senate for Information Only.

6. Business carried over to next year (list in priority order).

   A. UEC will pursue installation of sustainability signs inside buildings around campus, working with Facilities Management and the Student Government Association, whose 2011-2012 president endorsed the project.

   B. The UEC Sustainability Survey will be linked to the Sustainability Committee webpage.

7. Evaluation of the committee (include anything that hindered or assisted the committee’s work during the year).
   A. Charge:
   B. Personnel:
   C. Attendance:
   D. Responsibilities:
   E. Activities:

8. Suggestion(s) to the Chair of the Faculty and/or Faculty Senate for improving the effectiveness of the committee.

9. Does the Committee’s organizational meeting next year need to be earlier than the date set this year? No.

   If yes, when do you prefer: ________________________________

Signed: Chairperson  

Secretary  __Joyce Buck__