COMMITTEE: University Environment Committee

MEETING DATE: September 24, 2015

PERSON PRESIDING: Eban Bean

Secretary: Sonya R. Hardin

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Eban Bean, Tony Capehart, Sonya Hardin, Njinasoa Randriampiry, Erich Keil**,** William Hill

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Lauren Gunter, Paul Gares, Gregory Kearney, Scott Lecce, John Gill

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Sustainability committee

Discussion: The next sustainability meeting is Oct 29th on Thursday in Gateway (new dorm) 130pm-300pm. Discussed need for liaison.

Action Taken: Agreed to have members attend.

Assigned additional duties to: None at this time

Agenda Item: Committee goals for the academic year

Discussion: Identification of the goals was discussed and which ones should be priority.
Eban Bean opened the floor for suggestions of setting priority.

The Members suggested several items as summarized below.

1. Contact Facility Services and give feedback on bike signs.
2. Explore Swappable bike racks.
    a. Discussed placing this initiative on west campus.
    b. Recommend city rep to come and speak or Jill Twark. Eban will contact Jill.
    c. Discussed parking and traffic website and the need to have a rep on this committee.
    d. Plans to expand the existing greenway are underway.
    e. Contact Deb Garfi director of parking and traffic (they have a bike plan)
    f. Member identified to take this initiative is Greg Kearney.
3. Explore ways to reduce campus carbon footprint (Dorms, Buildings, Transportation).
    a. Subcommittee on Sustainability committee is addressing this item.
4. Support facilities sustainability efforts.
    a. Need to hear from Griff Avin on this issue
5. Explore coal sealants use.
    a. Scott Lecce stated Griff Avin was going to speak about this issue. Greg will ask Parking and Traffic if they have information on sealant product.

6. Explore use of pervious surfaces on campus.
    a. John stated that 14th street parking lot, and a new pad for Starbuck that is pervious is in place. It is reddish brick that has some openings, it is more expensive to have pervious. Area is 500 sq feet. Dining services paid for the pad that Starbucks sits on. The water drains into a cistern.
    b. No impervious paver at west campus student center. There is rain water collection for irrigation. Storm water collection in Laupus Lake and another area near Dental School is treated before it goes to river.
    c. Storm Water Inventory was conducted by City of Greenville and the campus had an opportunity for input on storm water drainage.
7. Explore use of green or non-toxic products for cleaning.
    a. Discussed the housekeeping staff having dermal contact and inhalation risk with nongreen cleaning products. Safety of workers was discussed. John stated that he thought that it was safe with a low level of ammonia use. John will ask Karl.
8. Promote sustainability on campus.
    a. Discussed ways to increase awareness of students regarding going green. At the last meeting the Student Rep discussed there was the possibility of reviving an interest in having information in the East Carolinian.
    b. Discussed Greg Becker students doing studies encouraging recycling.
    c. The ECO Pirates are looking for opportunities, they have conducted work toward recycling during tailgating. After games a sweep occurs for recycling.
    d. Keep Greenville beautiful may have some funding that could be used for initiatives.
    e. Students for sustainability and ECO pirates combining.
9. Increase off-campus student recycling.
    a. Discussed food waste by Aramark that perhaps should be shifted to food banks.
    b. EPA is concerned about food waste due to the amount of energy and water put into food.
    c. Suggestion for Aramark representative come and speak.
    d. Sustainability committee is discussing composting with Aramark to a site in Zebulon.
    e. Todd and West-end dining has a pilot project on composting food.
    f. Grease is recycled by Aramark.
    g. Discussion on the ability to do a small composite site and tie such activity into student garden area occurred. There is a small garden behind the Rivers Building.
    h. Cooperative Extension may have information on how to do a garden.(Joanie Torres will be emailed)
10. Explore ways to improve pedestrian safety adjacent to campus.
    a. Cross walk signs, police are working on this initiative. Police are starting to give tickets for Jay walking and individuals should use cross walks.
    b. DOT has regulations on crosswalks.
    c. Some of the cross walks on Charles Street will have a blinking light for drivers of vehicles to observe.
    d. DOT is doing a study on 5th street and 10th street connection to Evans. Eban stated that there has been conversation around trying to get traffic out of that corridor and reduce speed.
    e. Chris Mansfield may have information that could be useful to this initiative.

Action Taken: Individuals were assigned to make contacts.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

NEXT MEETING: October 29th, 2015 at 3:30pm

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: Priority of committee goals for the academic year.