COMMITTEE: University Environment Committee

MEETING DATE: November 30, 2017

PERSON PRESIDING: Brian Glover

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Anuradha Mukherji, Njinasoa Randriampiry, Carol Goodwillie, Carolyn Willis

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Chad Carwein, Rebecca Powers, Bill Koch, Paul Gares, Lauren Mink

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: John Stiller, John Gill, Mike Bunting, Jim Westmoreland, Terry Little, Lori Lee

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Minutes of previous meeting presented for approval.

Action Taken: Committee voted to approve minutes.

Agenda Item: Visitors Mike Bunting and Jim Westmoreland presented briefly on their plans for campus beautification and sustainability. Mr. Bunting, an ECU alum and donor, is interested in undertaking major projects in campus beautification. Jim Westmoreland, Assoc Dean College of Business, is assisting him in facilitating this.

Action Taken: After brief discussion of new initiatives on campus (e.g., pollinator garden) and possible future directions, Mr. Bunting asked the committee to continue to contribute ideas for promising projects that would improve the campus environment.

Agenda Item: Visitor Terry Little, coordinator of ECU recycling, presented on recycling efforts on campus.

Discussion: Mr. Little gave a powerpoint presentation describing the current status and future plans for campus recycling. He encouraged members of the committee to work with their departments to promote student involvement in recycling, including participation in ECO pirates.

Agenda Item: Selection of questions for inclusion in survey on sustainability.

Discussion: Chad Carwein provided explanation that the survey will be used to inform consultants as part of planning for sustainability master plan. Rebecca Powers suggested that she could work with Chad on the survey questions in order to save time of the committee.

Action Taken: Rebecca Powers and Chad Carwein agreed to work on the survey together and then email to the committee for comments.

Agenda Item: Report on sustainability fee
Discussion: Chad Carwein reported on the results to establish a sustainability student fee. The Board of Trustees voted to support it in committee but voted it down in the final vote, eliminating it from the fee package put forward. John Stiller and Bill Koch provided ideas on how to increase chance of success next time. The committee thanked Chad for his efforts and strongly encouraged him to continue to pursue it.

NEXT MEETING: January 25, 2018

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: Item rolled over from this meeting: Otter Creek parcel (Goodwillie)