COMMITTEE: University Environment Committee

MEETING DATE: Thursday, January 26, 2017

PERSON PRESIDING: Erich Keil-Chair

SECRETARY: Sonya Hardin

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Sonya Hardin (Nursing), Erich Keil (Theater and Dance), Njinasa Randriampiry (Math)

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Lauren Mink, Chad Carwein (Dr Hardy Representative), Toney Capehart (Rep Chair of Faculty) John Gill, Bill Koch, Lauren Mink, Gregory Kearney (Rep of VC for Health Sciences), Greg Kearney (Rep VC Health Sciences)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

 ACTIONS OF MEETING

Old Business

Agenda Item: ASHE Credits

The detail breakdown of courses with sustainability content was obtained from Eban (Past Chair of the committee). Discussed the ASHE (Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education) STAR Report; Chad Carwein obtained answers to questions from members of the committee.

He plans to submit the application at the end of next week for the STAR award, he stated there were enough points for a bronze award. He discussed the silver award and bronze award. The award is valid for 3 years. Several universities in the UNC system are at Gold.

His plan is to use the STAR Report as headings for the sustainability website. [http://www.ecu.edu/cs-admin/campus_operations/sustainability/sustain.cfm](http://www.ecu.edu/cs-admin/campus_operations/sustainability/sustain.cfm) is a new website and has some wonderful apps.

Agenda Item: Climate Symposium - March 23, 2017

Dr Kearney discussed the symposium. Spring Symposium is on climate change and health is focused on raising awareness; a speaker from CDC will be speaking. A rain dance will be part of the open ceremony. From 9:00am-3:00pm a poster session for students; lunch sponsorship obtained; March 23 2017 at the ECHI. Sign up to attend at: [http://calendar.ecu.edu/event/climate_change_and_health_symposium_focus_on_eastern_north_carolina#.WIqLRziY1x0](http://calendar.ecu.edu/event/climate_change_and_health_symposium_focus_on_eastern_north_carolina#.WIqLRziY1x0)

He stated save the date has gone out to faculty. So far 45 faculty are registered. The maximum is 150 people. Exhibitors are welcome. Invitation is going to Sierra Club. The keynote from EPA is
unable to attend due to US Government changes. The agenda was shared for this meeting. A Poster can be submitted which is education or research.

A discussion occurred regarding the feasibility of using the symposium as a passport event for undergraduate students. Consensus indicated not feasibility.

**Sustainability Film:** The Sustainability film and discussion had 100 students in the November film event. The next event will be on Feb 21 titled shored up.

**Clean Energy Event at City Hall** in December had over 70 people attend. Some universities charge a green fee. There was a follow up meeting from this event with further plans.

**New Business**

**Trees:** discussion on use of wood from tree, most wood went to art department and then the rest was hauled off by contractor. US News Bureau did a press release.

**Recycler:** We only have 5 full time recyclers for our campus. They go to every building. They hire contractors for football games. Student worker to help with recycling. We are at 27% at recycling. Discussed the savings from water fountains with water bottle filling site.

**Resolution:** Discussed putting together a resolution related to improvement in recycling.

**Survey:** Discussed a student and a faculty survey to see if they were willing to do a variety of things to decrease carbon footprint and recycle as well as a student green fee.

**Faculty Workshop:** A need to do a faculty workshop to integrate sustainability into the curriculum.

**Green Office Program:** Chad is posting a green office program. The department signs up for the program and can get certified as a green office. Invite Chad about the details of the program and how to get certified. The website for the program is: [http://www.ecu.edu/cs-admin/campus_operations/sustainability/green_office_program.cfm](http://www.ecu.edu/cs-admin/campus_operations/sustainability/green_office_program.cfm)

**Student Initiative:** Every three years freshman take a pre and near graduation post test to see where they are at related to sustainability. The Test is a NSSE test. It is a standardized survey by IPAR.

**NEXT MEETING:** February 23, 2017 at 3:30pm in Rawl 142

Adjourned at 4:33pm.