COMMITTEE: University Environment Committee

MEETING DATE: Thursday, April 27, 2017

PERSON PRESIDING: Erich Keil

SECRETARY: Sonya Hardin

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: William Hill (ECO Pirate), Sonya Hardin (Nursing), Erich Keil (Theater and Dance), Clark Nall (Library), Njinasoa Randriampiry (mathematics)

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Chad Carwein (Dr Hardy Representative), Paul Gares (Provost Rep), John Gill, Bill Koch, Lauren Mink Gunter (Rep of Chancellor), Gregory Kearney (Rep of VC for Health Sciences), Bennett Yeargan (Rep of Student Body)

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Agenda Reviewed and approved. Last set of Minutes are from March 2017 approved.

Old Business

Resolution- Erich discussed that the senate passed on recycling-Senate Minutes for April 18, 2017

New Business

a. Write / Approve annual report- Erich and committee identified the following successes:
   - Assisted Sustainability Manager Chad Carwein in compiling data for successful submission of the AASHE STARS report and received Bronze rating valid for 3 years
   - Contributed data to the 2017 Campus Sustainability Report
   - Drafted and presented a resolution to the Faculty Senate for the support of initiatives to improve recycling rates and processing on campus
   - Supported and promoted the Climate Change and Health Symposium: a focus on Eastern North Carolina
   - Supported the grounds department in efforts to be designated a Tree Campus USA through reports and identification of heritage trees and sacred open spaces.

b. Brief discussion of initiatives tied to recycling resolution for next year
   - Work with departments and student representatives to garner a bin inventory of current trash and recycling distribution
   - In collaboration with recycling coordinator and the sustainability manager, support recommendations on standardized signage and bin placement to improve recycling across campus
• Invite recycling coordinator to report to committee on current state and improvements to recycling initiatives and identifying potential bottlenecks that could be addressed by further UEC initiatives.

• Work with sustainability manager to promote and support special events and social media usage to improve cultural awareness of recycling and environmental issues on campus.

• Invite energy manager (Les Hewlett) to report on current usage of renewable energy sources by ECU and how the committee can support initiatives to increase their usage on campus

• Explore support for green student fee to support sustainability efforts on campus

Closing Items: discussed items to address next year. Suggestion was to get equipment operational in the Senate Conference room

Announcements: Chad reported a proposal for a green student fee and asked committee to support; if it was a $2 fee is would increase student burden .02 percent

• Adjourn at 4:30 pm