COMMITTEE: University Environment Committee

MEETING DATE: September 28, 2017

PERSON PRESIDING: John Stiller at start of meeting, Brian Glover, new chair, after election

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Anuradha Mukherji, Carolyn Willis, Njinasoa Randriampiry, Carol Goodwillie, Brian Glover, Bill McCartney

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Lauren Mink, Paul Gares, Gregory Kearney, Chad Carwein, Tomika Williams, Rebecca Powers, Salena Vaughn

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: John Stiller, Lori Lee

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ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Election of officers

Action Taken: Brian Glover nominated for chair position by Chad Carwein, elected by acclimation. Anuradha Mukherji nominated for vice chair by Carol Goodwillie, elected by acclimation. Carol Goodwillie self-nominated for secretary, elected by acclimation.

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Agenda Item: Review of business carried over from 2016-2017

Discussion: Chad Carwein provided a report on the items listed as business carried over and the current state of each initiative.

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Agenda Item: Set goals for 2017-2018

Discussion: Several items in list of business carried over were set as goals for the current academic year:

1. In collaboration with recycling coordinator, support recommendations on standardized signage and bin placement to improve recycling across campus.
2. Invite recycling coordinator to report to committee on current state and improvements to recycling initiatives and identify problems that could be addressed by the UEC.
3. Promote and support special events and social media usage to improve cultural awareness of recycling and environmental issues on campus.
4. Invite Energy Manager to report on current usage of renewable energy sources by ECU and how the UEC can support their initiatives.
5. Explore support for green student fee to support sustainability efforts on campus.

In addition, several new goals were suggested by committee members for discussion:

1. John Stiller suggested the committee play a strong role in campus planning. The committee discussed inviting Bill Bagnell, Associate Vice Chancellor for Campus Operations, to a meeting to report on current state of campus master plans and location of natural areas owned by ECU.
2. Carol Goodwillie raised the issue that the Natural Areas Committee, an administrative committee, had been dissolved, leaving some properties with no oversight. It was recommended that the committee address possible solutions to the problem as one of this year’s goals.
3. Brian Glover suggested that we address concerns with newly installed curbs on campus that pose problems for bicyclists.
4. Committee discussed possible project to document sustainability efforts that have been carried out at ECU throughout the past years. 
5. Bill McCartney proposed that we meet in Jones Hall for one of this year’s meetings and include a tour of the new food sustainability facility there.

NEXT MEETING: October 26, 2017 3:30 pm

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: Continued discussion of carried over and new business raised at previous meeting.