COMMITTEE: University Environment Committee

MEETING DATE: October 30, 2014

PERSON PRESIDING: Eban Bean, Chair

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Rebecca Powers, Jill Twark, Sonya Hardin, Monica Webb

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Bill Koch, Eric Gardner, Brian Glover, Scott LeCce

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: No one.

ACTIONS OF MEETING

**Agenda Item** Meeting began by reviewing and requesting edits of the September meeting minutes.

**Discussion:** Committee members provided edits.

**Action Taken:** Powers will revise and redistribute to members and Lori Lee for posting.

**Agenda Item:** The new bike lanes on the mall.

**Discussion:** Members commented on problems with pedestrians walking in the bike lanes and also walking on the red brick walkways. They shared ideas about signage options and offered suggestions about how to publicize the importance of only bikes and skateboards using the “yellow brick road.” It was noted that there was a letter to the editor published in the TEC from a frustrated bicyclist. Glover presented a drawing for bike/skate board indicators. Members contributed their ideas and comments about the idea.

**Action Taken:** Glover made a motion to present the drawing to John Gill, second by Twark, motion passed

**Agenda Item:** Review and update on committee goals for the academic year

**Discussion:** Bean asked if there were any changes since the last meeting in the goals.

**Action Taken:** Unanimous approval of goals.

**Agenda Item** Good news! ECU won Silver Designation for a “bike friendly” campus.

**Discussion:** Glover stated that this prestigious award is from a national organization and the application for the award was started years ago. This achievement recognizes that folks at ECU have done good work on this initiative with the infrastructure and traffic safety workshops. Koch stated that only two campuses in the UNC system have won “Silver” - ECU and Chapel Hill – and there is no “Gold Designation” in the UNC system.

**Action Taken:** Members expressed need for continued support and improvement of being a bike friendly campus.

**Agenda Item:** Sidewalk planning in areas adjacent to campus.

**Discussion:** This was an initiative taken on by Mansfield who was absent.

**Action Taken:** Powers will follow up with Mansfield about his talking points and then send to committee for input. Glover will follow up with City of Greenville Planning Office and share committee’s ideas.

**Agenda Item:** Monitoring Station

**Discussion:** City assessment study is going through and monitoring station will be installed behind Mike’s Deli (Bean). City is still collecting data on storm water and doing public meetings on watershed. Members requested a visit to our meeting by city officials to summarize the project.

**Action Taken:** Bean will follow up with the appropriate city official to schedule a visit next spring.
**Agenda Item**: Thanksgiving break conflict with our regularly scheduled November meeting.

**Discussion**: Members discussed options about an alternate meeting time.

**Action Taken**: Bean made motion to reschedule it for November 20, second by Glover, motion passed.

**Agenda Item**: E-cigaret policy.

**Discussion**: UEC was asked to provide comments to policy in progress. Koch – policy is administered by Human Resources and the no-smoking was established years ago. HR is working on adding E-cigarettes to the policy and the version is going through the necessary committees. Glover: consider that banning smoking is based on harm to non-smoker. So be careful of regulating behavior for no obvious reason. We don’t know of the long-term effects. Koch: it is safety issue because companies are not providing info on what is in cig or inhaler so other places have gone forward because lacking better info it seems wise to include the restriction. What is impact on air quality? (Bean) Vapors with chemicals in them have the same effect of smoke. (Koch) What about rules for outside use? (Bean) The 25 ft rule makes it less likely it gets into the building. Smoking rules is a wellness issue. (Koch) Group discussed “tobacco free” campus? Some areas are designated but not all. NC law must be considered but we can decide to implement policy within our own buildings. (Koch) Members discussed work being done on defining smoking areas at football stadium.

**Action Taken**: Members will seek further information about designation and bring back for further discussion. Bean made motion: UEC supports the updated smoking policy with the addition of “vaping” and “vaporizing” second by Gardner, motion passed

With limited time left in our meeting, Bean moved to table any further discussion on goals listed from first meeting. All agreed.

**Announcements**: Gardner stated there is “shower pass” available at the Recreation Center for $50 per semester for M-Friday (work days 5:30am-9:30pm. Members stated that this information needs to be distributed in a way that faculty/staff who are not members of the Recreation Center will know about this service. Suggestion was made to put it out over ANNOUNCE.

Powers showed flyer for Community Tree Day on November 8th and invited everyone to participate. The local non-profit organization “ReLeaf” and the City of Greenville partnered to plant 250 trees in the College View Neighborhood to replace trees that were destroyed in recent storms. Volunteers needed to help plant.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.

**NEXT MEETING**: Thursday, November 20th, 2014, 3:30 pm

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED**: Updates on projects in process.