

Minutes, University Environment Committee meeting, November 15, 2012, 3:30-4:30pm

Present: Helena Feder, Brian Glover, Jill Twark, Tom Pohlman, Bill Kock, John, Gill, Susan Holland, and Lori Lee (guest).

1. Minutes of October meeting approved
2. Discussion of Agenda items from the last meeting:
 - A. On item one, Jill has emailed Victoria to request funding from the “green fee.” The committee came up with the following ideas for uses for these funds (not in order of importance):
 1. more bottle filling stations
 2. eco-signs
 3. More energy saving devices on campus
 4. Bicycle racks for buses or anything called for by the Bicycle Master Plan
 5. Seed-money for new courses on sustainability
 6. Travel money for students to attend events related to sustainability (conferences, workshops, etc.)
 7. promotional items
 - B. Jill has research the organic garden and fears it may be unrealistic. Lori suggested that we look at the organic garden run by Hospitality management and see if the empty lot adjacent is available. Jill will look into this
 - C. Regarding the arboretum proposal made by Gary, John suggested that we look at Elon’s model – a map for a walking path through existing trees on campus. We will run this by Gary in the next meeting and see if we can get in touch with Mike Bunting (who has long been trying to secure new space on or near campus for an arboretum).
 - D. Everyone will read the ECU Masterplan and email any comments or questions to Brian for the next meeting.
 - E. Susan met with Debra Garfi and Karen Mizelle regarding the bicycle masterplan. They would like to attend our next meeting to discuss the plan with us.
 - F. Regarding the resolution, Brian feels that we need more detailed knowledge of the ECU Masterplan before we form a resolution (see D).
 - G. The Ecofilm series is in progress, albeit slowly. Helena is gathering information (about screening procedures and possibility of an assistant) and will report back. She has not yet heard back from the Ecopirates about the Passport program.