

Minutes
University Environment Committee
Thursday, 1/23/14
3:30-5:00pm

In Attendance: John Gill, Eric Gardner, Brian Glover, Eban Bean, Susan Holland, Tom Pohlman, Margit Schmidt, Rebecca Powers, Bill Koch, Jill Twark

1. Review of 2014 Goals List.

- A. Discussion of need for a student representative to the University Environment Committee
- B. Discussion of the sidewalks resolution that Chris Mansfield drafted. The committee does not know the status of the sidewalk master plan for the city of Greenville and does not know whether Chris has contacted the city about it or not, so the UEC tabled the resolution until our next meeting.
- C. Discussion of how we can support water resource management in the campus area. Eban Bean presented goals and suggested we pass a resolution on preserving water quality – not just stormwater run-off, which we have already passed a resolution on. The ECU Coastal Water Resources Center is trying to acquire equipment to measure water quality and has applied for a grant to fund such equipment.
- D. Eric Gardner requests that we as a committee review the ECU Bicycle Master Plan and come up with suggestions for how the available money (approx. \$50,000) might best be used. Eric suggested we invite Debbie Garfy back to the UEC to inform us of current Campus Operations/Parking and Transportation funds and plans for bicycle projects around campus. Bill Koch said that pedestrian projects have thus far been prioritized. John Gill said that new transit stops will be created with bicycle racks. The Mall will receive better lighting to make it safer. The area around the Old Cafeteria Building will be reconfigured to make it more bike and pedestrian friendly.
- E. The Committee decided to invite Debbie Garfy to one of our upcoming meetings to discuss the issues mentioned in Point D (Jill Twark will contact her).
- F. Discussion of coordination of a Heritage Trees brochure. The committee decided not to pursue this idea any further at this time.
- G. Margit Schmidt had to leave the meeting so the discussion of starting up an Environmental Film Series was tabled until the next meeting.
- H. Regarding creating a sustainability vision, the committee suggests that UEC members consult with the Sustainability Committee.
- I. A representative of the Center for Sustainable Tourism will be invited to the UEC to discuss ways to collaborate (Eban Bean will contact a representative).
- J. Discussion of outdoor study/class teaching spaces on campus. John Gill cautioned against the overuse of such spaces and mentioned that ADA compliance is essential.
- K. Earth Day Celebration: Terry Little, Recycling, April 22, 2014. Tom Pohlman suggested we try to find some students who can help set up a display table. We need to contact the EcoPirates and collaborate with them on setting up a table or series of tables with an environmental display (Brian Glover will contact Ashley Breedlove, who is on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission).

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Twark (substitute secretary for this meeting)