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**EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
ACADEMIC AND APPELLATE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

2019-2020 Academic Year

COMMITTEE: University Environment Committee

Membership (include ex-officio members). Regular members: Carol Goodwillie (Chair), Susan Pearce (Vice Chair), Lisa Beth Robinson (Secretary), Jennifer Valko, Tomika Williams, Tammy Lee, Marc Peterson (joined midyear), Ex-officio members: Bill Koch, Tim Christensen, Gregory Kearney, Bill McCartney, Chad Carwein, Mark Sanders, (student body representative position was not filled)

Meeting Dates (include members present).

September 26, 2019. Regular members in attendance: Carol Goodwillie, Jennifer Valko, Lisa Beth Robinson, Susan Pearce. Ex-Officio members in attendance: Bill Koch, Chad Carwein, Mark Sanders. Others in attendance: Jeff Popke, Faculty Chair

October 24, 2019. Regular members in attendance: Lisa Beth Robinson, Tomika Williams, Tammy Lee, Carol Goodwillie, Susan Pearce. Ex-Officio members in attendance: Chad Carwein, Mark Sanders. Others in attendance: Lori Lee, Rachel Baker

November 21, 2019. Regular members in attendance: Carol Goodwillie, Jennifer Valko, Lisa Beth Robinson, Tammy Lee. Ex-officio members in attendance: Joyce Sealey, Chad Carwein, Tim Christensen.

January 23, 2020. Regular members in attendance: Carol Goodwillie, Lisa Beth Robinson, Susan Pearce, Tomika Williams. Ex-officio members in attendance: Joyce Sealey, Chad Carwein, Tim Christensen, Gregory Kearney. Ex-officio members in attendance: Chad Carwein, Mark Sanders.

The remainder of the meetings were cancelled in the absence of pressing agenda items and because of time conflicts of key members and COVID-19.

Subcommittees established during the year (include progress and/or completion of work).

A subcommittee was formed (Carol Goodwillie, Susan Pearce, Tammy Lee) in the fall to process and make recommendations on how to move forward with data collected in the previous year's survey. The subcommittee worked with Kyle Chapman to summarize the data, reported results to the committee, and recommended that the primary response should be the establishment of a natural areas webpage, still under development.

Accomplishments during the year. Please include recommendations made to any University agency other than the Faculty Senate.

The committee reviewed information collected the previous spring/summer in a Natural Areas Survey sent to faculty. The results indicated strong interest in learning more about and using campus natural areas. The committee agreed that the formation of a Natural Areas web page would be beneficial for making information available on these sites and how to gain access to them. It was decided that the page should be maintained and housed within the Sustainability Center website, with links to other

campus entities. Carol Goodwillie and Chad Carwein agreed to head up the effort to compose the web page, and some materials were collected. Work is ongoing.

The committee assisted Chad Carwein and the Office for Sustainability with collection of data from faculty needed for the STARS (Sustainability Tracking and Assessment Rating System) report update.

The committee received updates on activities related to the campus environment, including the current status of efforts to reestablish bikesharing on campus.

The committee fielded and responded to emails from faculty on campus environment concerns. One concerned problems with plastic confetti strewn on campus for graduation photos and celebration. Chad Carwein indicated that the Facilities Dept was already aware of the issue and had plans to address it. The UEC contributed additional ideas. However, plans were not implemented because COVID-19 pre-empted graduation ceremonies.

Another topic of discussion and activity concerned issues with building health that arose from several recent tragic losses by cancer of faculty clustered in the Brewster building. The committee discussed strategies for gaining more information and Facilities was contacted concerning the possibility of submitting an OSHA request for investigation. However, no actions were taken beyond bringing concerns to the attention of administration.

Reports to the Faculty Senate (include dates and resolution numbers).

Business carried over to next year (list in priority order).

1. Completion of Natural Areas web page (Carol Goodwillie and Chad Carwein will continue work in the summer)
2. Continued work on building health to ensure that evaluation of safe work environments is effective and transparent to faculty.
3. Implementation of plans to reduce littering and safety concerns associated with graduation confetti

Evaluation of the committee (include anything that hindered or assisted the committee's work during the year).

- A. Charge: revised late year, no concerns noted
- B. Personnel: we were without a student rep this year and encourage the involvement of one next year
- C. Attendance: all meetings were reasonably well attended. Several key ex-officio members had conflicts throughout the year, which may have hampered progress.
- D. Responsibilities: this committee differs from most in that it has no specific responsibilities that are set forth, which allows freedom to pursue different avenues of work but also puts a responsibility on the committee to initiate projects
- E. Activities: the committee was not as active this year as in others, in part because of COVID-19

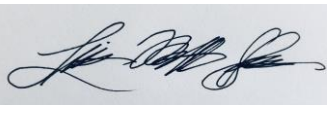
Suggestion(s) to the Chair of the Faculty for improving the effectiveness of the committee.

No suggestions

Does the Committee's organizational meeting next year need to be earlier than the date set this year?
If yes, when do you prefer: With the earlier start date, an August meeting might be advisable

Signed: Chairperson 

Vice Chair 

Secretary 

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