

COMMITTEE: University Environment Committee

MEETING DATE: September 27, 2018

PERSON PRESIDING: Jeff Popke/Carol Goodwillie

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Carol Goodwillie, Brian Glover, Susan Pearce, Lisa Beth Robinson

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Lauren Mink, Chad Carwein, Gregory Kearney, Sam Atwell

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jeff Popke, Lori Lee

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#### ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Elect officers

Discussion: minimal

Action Taken: Carol Goodwillie is elected chair, Brian Glover is elected vice chair, Lisa Beth Robinson is elected secretary.

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#### ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Business carried over from last year: Strategies for Green Fund Fee

Discussion: Strategies for Green Fund Fee, now called the Sustainability Fee.

- Carwein presents a recap of the UEC's work last year to have a \$5 sustainability fee added to a student fee package that was voted on by SGA and the BOT. Fee was rejected.
- Carwein provides an update on this year's work to try again, making sure that this year the BOT is provided the full proposal (this does not appear to have happened in the 17-18 AY).
- He also notes that we are behind, compared to peer institutions, and that the fee supports opportunities for students to gain real life experience, research, professional development, etc.
- Carwein requests that the UEC drafts a resolution stating that this committee supports the establishment of the fee. Discussion seems to be in support of this though it is pointed out that the timeline for voting on the fee may be prohibitive.

Action Taken: none.

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#### ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Business carried over from last year: Re-examine UEC charge

Discussion: The charge is outdated.

- In light of the campus' new focus on sustainability, we may wish to rewrite our charge to include this and redefine how the committee will interchange with Carwein's organization.

- Item D of the charge, regarding trees, may be considered irrelevant now that we have an ECU Arborist who is currently indexing the trees.
- All agree that the UEC charge's Item F, familiarizing ourselves with the ECU Master Plan, is important and will be a focus for this year's business.
- Last year's UEC proposed reinstating the Natural Areas Committee (NAC). Although it was denied by the Chancellor, the UEC may wish to add its responsibilities to those of the UEC, with particular regard to the university's Otter Creek property located near Falkland, NC. Popke encourages the committee to provide feedback on this to the Master Plan.
- In light of ECU's new sustainability program/plan, Carwein notes that there are several opportunities across all of the four focus areas with which this committee could help. There are several strategies over the course of the next five years that fall under the purview of this group. Some are academic, some relate to grounds. He suggests that the committee reflect these areas/strategies in the charge/responsibilities.

Action Taken: none at this time (forthcoming)

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## ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: projects the committee would like to tackle this year.

### Discussion:

- Maximize our input in the master plan, specifically with retention of areas such as Otter Creek.
- Popke points out that the focus of the initial discussion [re: Master Plan] is on the utilization of the millennial campus spaces with the consultants paying special attention to pedagogy, research, and entrepreneurial activities. He mentions additional campus-owned areas that may be re-envisioned and that there is an intention by the university to link these spaces, extending in important ways to the community.
- The Master Plan timeline is discussed. Popke notes that the new plan is not about starting over, it's about [reevaluating and moving forward].
- Pearce asks that the ongoing members of the committee clarify how much, in regard to the Master Plan, are we involved in building infrastructure and how much is about green spaces/bikes/etc., so the new members have a better understanding of the UEC's responsibilities. Several of these are discussed. Mink adds past activities of the UEC about additional issues.
- At the next meeting there will be discussion of how the UEC's responsibilities differ from the Sustainability group's work, and how the two can best work together to achieve common goals.
- It is noted that ECU has not yet passed the proposed resolution on the Paris Climate Accord.

Action Taken: none.

### Assigned additional duties to:

- It is recommended that the members of the committee familiarize themselves with the Master Plan.
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NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 25, 2018.

### ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- Committee responsibilities
- University Master Plan
- *agenda item added October 19:* our committee is scheduled to give input on the Master Plan at 4:30pm on Wednesday, November 14. We'll discuss who will attend, what issues do we want to weigh in on or ask questions about, etc.