

**COMMITTEE: University Environment Committee**

**MEETING DATE:** 11/18/2021

**PERSON PRESIDING:** Susan Pearce

**REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Susan Pearce, Tammy Lee, Kerry Sewell, Alison Swift, Lisa Beth Robinson, Marc Petersen

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Chad Carwein, Bill Koch, David Leeser, Dean Smith, Brooke Pacheco,

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Heather Mauzy (student), Jonathan Hurst (student), Jacob Coman (student), Rachel Baker

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**ACTIONS OF MEETING**

Agenda Item: Call to order and Approval of Minutes

Discussion: n/a

Action Taken: Call to order at 3:32pm. Motion to approve minutes by Kerry, second by Chad. Introduction of student representative, Brooke, and introduced other members of committee to students in attendance

Assigned additional duties to: n/a

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Agenda Item: New Business

- a. Updates from Students

Discussion: Students in attendance (Mauzy, Hurst, and Coman) give updates from initiatives on campus, including edible landscape, orchard planning (includes mulberry, persimmon, pear, and fig) and an herb garden. New addition made to thank donors. Located at Strafford Arms across from Clark-LeClair stadium. Email is [ecu.orchard@gmail.com](mailto:ecu.orchard@gmail.com) and Instagram handle: <https://ecuorchard.witsite.com/ediblelandscape> Call for signature honors projects to take on this project as their project continues to grow.

Action Taken: N/A

Assigned additional duties to: N/A

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- a. Brewster Building study (Bill Koch)
- b. Q & A session (Susan Pearce)
- c. Faculty Senate Report
- d. Divestment
- e. Update from Chad

### Discussion:

- a. Bill Koch discussed Brewster Study, including asbestos inspection and DHHS report. Consultant for asbestos inspection found minimal asbestos (light fixtures, duct tape glue, floor tile) but all in good condition and not accessible to occupants. Air/Water samples with no asbestos fibers. DHSS found no hazards from 2019 report and current report found no obvious conditions to affect indoor air quality. Recommendations included to finish asbestos assessment and consider filter efficiency. ECU plans to update HVAC system in Brewster. Possibility of adding a “no parking sign” or a “no smoking” sign in front of the air intakes. Aware of presence of smoking in an office in Brewster and working with individuals involved about this.
- b. Susan Pearce gave update on the Q & A session related to Brewster; session went well, good questions were asked. Information on pancreatic cancer was presented, including risk factors and psychosocial concerns.
- c. Discussion to develop a report for Faculty Senate to update on the current Brewster study and case studies if known. Report to include what has happened to date, expectations on what is to come. Will plan to include information about the changes on the website portal to address concerns. May also include an update that the committee is discussing divestments. May possibly have a called meeting for information gathering for the report after Thanksgiving.
- d. Committee will table divestment discussion until next meeting. Committee members should add their reports to the Teams file.
- e. Update from Chad: monthly workdays at Otter Creek in February and March with a “grand re-opening” in April for Earth Day. Films scheduled for February (Cooked Heatwave), March (Plastic China), and April (How to let go of the world). Plan to have a student group to present initiatives to each UEC meeting in the future.

Action Taken: Report to be submitted to Faculty Senate soon.

### Assigned additional duties to:

1. Members to load reports into Teams folder
2. Report to Faculty senate – Susan Pearce and Bill Koch. May need a called meeting for committee.

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**NEXT MEETING:** January 20, 2022

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:** Divestments