

**COMMITTEE: University Environment Committee**

**MEETING DATE:** April 28, 2022

**PERSON PRESIDING:** Susan Pearce

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

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Gregory Kearney, Marc Peterson, Thompson Forbes, Dean Smith

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Rachel Baker

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**ACTIONS OF MEETING**

Agenda Item: Call to order and Approval of Minutes

Discussion: Susan will be creating the final report for the year soon. Opening for chair position next year. Tammy finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> term, will have new member next year.

Action Taken: Call to order. Motion to approve and Minutes approved.

Assigned additional duties to: n/a

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Agenda Item: New Business

- a. Questions from faculty about grounds and vegetation

Discussion: Questions from faculty about spraying of pesticides. Answer is that there are "light" pesticides being used on the property. In there an invasive bush around Brewster (a bamboo plant with red berries that is poisonous for birds - nandigna). Bush can not be removed but can be on the list to not replant in the future (John Gill is the contact for these discussions).

Action Taken: to be included on discussions for next year.

Assigned additional duties to: N/A

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Agenda Item: Old Business

- a. Statement on Renewables and Divestment
- b. Otter Creek Natural Areas Reopening Report, Plans for use
- c. Brewer Building update if available
- d. Carryover business for 2022-2023 committee work
- e. No Confetti campaign

Discussion:

- a. Draft statement for renewables and divestment document reviewed for editing and agreement. Discussion on adding reinvestment strategy with investment criteria. Plans to send this document to Puri Martinez to present to Chancellor Rogers. Motion to approve document with edits and motion approved.
- b. Otter Creek Reopening was a success. Information about access and reservation of the area a need. Plans to prioritize research, teaching, and scholarship use, but need to consider a strategy for use. Thank you to the Sociology club for the graphics and flyers and thank you to Chad Carawin for all your work.
- c. No updates from Brewster building. Need to keep this on our radar for next year. Discussion about cigar/cigarette smoking revisited. Cannot raise the penalty for smoking because \$25 is the state law. No further ideas on how to deter smoking in the building. Marc says it is an air quality issue so it may fall under AEGUS. This was a similar past issue in the Rawl building. Brewster bus stop – report that the intake was not an issue.
- d. Carryover business: Brewster discussions and updates, otter creek updates, increasing pollinators and friendly bee plantings, labeling plants, getting rid of invasive plants, memorial tree plantings, possible Erwin building concerns (mold). Campus ghost tour in October by Andrea Kitton.
- e. No Confetti Campaign – please get the word out and share the links. Share with students. Seeing confetti.

Action Taken:

- a. Approved renewables and divestment statement with edits
- b. n/a
- c. n/a
- d. n/a
- e. n/a

Assigned additional duties to:

- a. Susan to share statement with Puri Martinez after edits.
- b. N/A
- c. N/A
- d. N/A
- e. All - Share the No Confetti Campaign.

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Agenda Item: Adjournment

Discussion:

- a. N/A

Action Taken:

- a. Motion to adjourn and seconded. Adjourned at 4:45pm.

Assigned additional duties to: N/A

**NEXT MEETING:** Fall 2023

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:**