

COMMITTEE: University Environment Committee

MEETING DATE: March 23, 2023

PERSON PRESIDING: Kerry Sewell

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

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Tim Christensen, Dean Smith, Chad Carwein, Joshua Gardner, James Loudon, Tyler West, Bill Koch, Greg Kearny

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jill Twark

ACTIONS OF MEETING: Approval of Minutes

AGENDA

1. Call to order
 2. Approval of minutes from February meeting
 3. Presentation from Jill Twark about the Greenway Extension
 4. UNC Diversity Training Inquiry
 5. Announcements/New Business
 6. Adjourn
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ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Approval of minutes for February 23, 2023

Action Taken: Minutes approved with the agreement to correct the spelling of Aaron Lucier's name.

Assigned additional duties to: n/a

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Presentation from Jill Twark about the Greenway Extension

Discussion: Dr. Twark gave a PPTX regarding the latest proposed Greenway Extension. She asked for the Committee's support for a short Greenway extension trail

that would run from the Evans Greenway spur that goes up the hill and up to Blount fields, which is basically the corner of Charles Blvd. and Greenville Blvd. A

Action Taken: No action taken; consensus was to defer an official letter of support from this committee until more data has been gathered by all stakeholders, particularly related to potential for use. It was unclear on who bears the costs of this.

Assigned additional duties to: n/a

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Sustainability Course Designation subcommittee actions

Discussion: The subcommittee is trying to piece everything together and hopes to be prepared to roll it out in the fall.

Action Taken: n/a

Assigned additional duties to: n/a

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Statement on Renewable Energy and Divestment

Discussion: Chad talked about the statement on renewable energy with Tyler (our SGA rep) and Tyler is going to take that and convert it into a format that would work for SGA to read it for the first time on April 12th and then have a discussion at that meeting. Hopefully it will get put on the agenda to be voted on by SGA on April 19th. Kerry has requested for it to be presented at the Faculty Senate on April 25th and the overall goal has been to have joint support for this statement. Chad emphasized that this is not a resolution; his understanding is that each of these bodies (SGA, Staff Senate, Faculty Senate) can present position statements and that will be then presented on up the chain of command to the chancellor and his executive council. It doesn't require a response from the Chancellor. The subcommittee feels like it would be a good move to a proposed an engineering capstone project for a group of students to look at about 15 buildings and multiple parking lots for solar potential and doing a cost analysis on that. They drafted the proposal and met with the capstone coordinator on Monday March 27th to discuss this, then a capstone group would begin working on that project in the fall. It would be a year-long, two semester capstone project.

Action Taken: mentioned above.

Assigned additional duties to: n/a

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: DEIB legislation issues

Discussion: Faculty Chair, Anne Ticknor sent out legislative statements. She wants all committees and staff/faculty senates to be aware that that a DEI inventory is occurring at the state level. Please read these statements so we can discuss them.

Action Taken: n/a

Assigned additional duties to: n/a

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Earth Day events!

Discussion: Chad quickly ran the list of events through the UEC.

Action Taken: n/a

Assigned additional duties to: n/a

ANNOUNCEMENTS: none.

NEXT MEETING: April 27, 2023