OMMITTEE: UNIVERSITY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING DATE: 1-26-12

PERSON PRESIDING: Brian Glover

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Joyce Buck, Brian Glover, Michael O'Driscoll, Jill Twark, Bob Chin, Lucas Carr

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Eric Gardner, John Gill, Margit Schmidt, Tom Pohlman, Tim Darden

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Wood Davidson (ECU Transit), Ronald Hicks (SGA Senator), Timothy Darden

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes
Action Taken: Unanimously approved

Agenda Item: Bus Idling Policy
Discussion: According to Wood Davidson, “ECU Transit does utilize alternative fuels in 100% of our fleet vehicles. We currently use B20 biodiesel (20% bio product), E10 gasohol (10% ethanol) and E85 (85% ethanol). In addition to the use of alternative fuels, we operate two diesel/electric hybrid buses which achieve 25% greater fuel economy.” Also, Terry Little was instrumental in placing recycle bins on the buses. Half price passes are available for anyone who uses the city bus system.
Action Taken: None

Agenda Item: Rain Gardens for Stormwater management
Discussion: Michael O'Driscoll presented a power point regarding use of rain gardens to improve stormwater management in the Greenville area. Eban Bean, Engineering, Charles Humphrey, Environmental Health Sciences, and Michael O'Driscoll, Geological Sciences, are planning to submit a proposal involving the mayor of the Pamlico-Tar River Foundation, with permission from ECU to install several rain gardens on campus. This, however, would be contingent on adequate funding. Along with stormwater management, the gardens would provide improved water quality, and reduction in stream erosion, not to mention adding aesthetic value. They are requesting a letter of support from the University Environment Committee. In addition, it was suggested that the City of Greenville may reduce their usual charge for stormwater run-off.
Action Taken: UEC agreed to draft the afore mentioned proposal letter.
Agenda Item: Pathway Improvements

Discussion: Timothy Darden discussed the need for more sidewalks on campus, to improve building accessibility, and increase water drainage. John Gill (Facility Services) stated that future plans are to dredge Laupus Lake due to the build-up of soil due to erosion. He also discussed plans to add more sidewalks and bridges; and replacement of the existing bridge, not only for quality improvement, but that it will be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Agenda Item: Bicycle-Friendly Application

Discussion: Lucas Carr discussed educating students about bike rack locations. Eric stated that there are 10 beach cruisers to increase bike-riding.

Action Taken: Survey to be completed in about 2 weeks?

Agenda Item: Sustainability Survey

Discussion: UEC needs to initiate

NEXT MEETING: February 23, 2012