COMMITTEE: University Environment Committee

MEETING DATE: 2-23-12

PERSON PRESIDING: Brian Glover

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

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Kelly (Aramark Representative)

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Sustainability Survey

Discussion: “Bob Chin provided an overview of the environmental sustainability survey completed with Hunt McKinnon and conducted in the spring of 2011. Its intent was to catalogue environmental sustainability instruction at ECU in response to and in support of East Carolina University’s UNC Tomorrow Response Phase I Report, Phase II Guidelines outlined in UNC’s Tomorrow Response Phase Planning Process, and the University of North Carolina Tomorrow Commission’s Final Report dated December 2007. To benchmark, it was suggested we get information from other universities who incorporate environmental sustainability issues into the general curriculum. UEC agree to present the report to the Faculty Senate to ascertain ‘what’s next’.

Action Taken: It was decided that Brian would contact Lori Lee about having it added to the next Faculty Senate agenda.

Assigned additional duties to: Brian offered to contact Lori Lee about the above, as well as keeping Greenville’s GCPP and EAC informed via e-mail. Brian also volunteered to contact Hunt McKinnon to work on a proposal to compare our university to other universities in the UNC system.

Agenda Item: Relationship between ECU and the City of Greenville on environmental issues.

Discussion: Bob Chin stated that the Sustainability Committee, Transportation Services, and Campus Planning communicate with the City of Greenville. And there is a melding of the Pitt County Transit System, Greenville Transit System, and ECU’s Transit System due to overlapping roadways.

Action Taken: Discussion only

Agenda Item: Parking and Transportation
Discussion: Lucas Carr and Brian met with Deb Garfi (director) and Karen Gizelle (assistant director) of Parking and Transportation regarding ECU’s acquisition of the Biker-Friendly status. Garfi has discussed the issue with a planning firm; and plans to administer a survey.

“Occasional” parking permits will be available in the Fall that will allow the purchaser a designated number of days per year that they may park on campus. These will be cheaper than full permits and will allow those who normally utilize biking or other alternate means of transportation to park on campus when necessary. It will also include a guaranteed ride home if i.e. someone bikes to campus, but needs an alternate mode of transportation home (e.g.) in case of unexpected inclement weather.

Action Taken: None at this time

NEXT MEETING: March 22, 2012

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: TBA