University Environment Committee

Meeting Minutes 4/28/11

Presiding: Tim Kelley
Regular members in attendance: M. O’Driscoll, S. Crick, J. Buck
Ex-officio members in attendance: E. Gardner, B. Glover, J. Gill, B. Koch

Guests: Jill Twark, Jessica Christie, Deb Garfi

1. Meeting began at 3:30pm with review of 3-24-11 meeting minutes. Minutes were not approved due to lack of a quorum. They will be approved by e-mail by members.

2. Discussed leadership for upcoming year. Jill Twark noted that committee on committees chose her for another committee for 2011-2012. She would prefer to be a member of UEC and will discuss with committee on committees. Tim Kelley’s and Amy Gross-McMillan’s terms are ending this spring. There will be a new chair needed and at least 2 new members needed.

3. Discussed Stratford Arms petition (by ECO-Pirates0 and their desire to save as many trees as possible if the area at Stratford arms has plans for construction. Tim suggested the committee draft a letter of support and John Gill with facilities was in full support of this petition. John can not sign the petition due to his position. Brian and Tim will work together to draft the letter and the committee could vote to support.

4. Bob Chin was not in attendance, but it was noted that he might be able to share responses from sustainability in the curriculum survey.

5. Deb Garfi of Parking and Transportation discussed plan to have temporary signs placed in lots on “Green Get to ECU” days for upcoming year.

6. Brian Glover discussed the bicycle/pedestrian master plan for city of Greenville and its progress. The Greenville Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee is working on a bike map for the city. Deb Garfi suggested having ECU as inset map to be included in this bike map. Brian noted the need for support for this project as cost would be approximately $35,000 to produce maps to disseminate. He suggested committee write letter of support to the Pitt County Health Department. Brian agreed to draft letter.

7. Other business:

  Discussed idling of vehicles and possible need for no idling” zones on campus with signage. Facilities would have to approve signage language and locations. John Gill suggested link on sustainability website reminding “no idling” in order to be sustainable. Mike O’Driscoll suggested student project to find out where idling is issue, where sign could be located, etc.

    Jill asked about solar panels and was directed to contact Griff Avin with facilities.
Eric suggested committee draft resolution for UEC and Sustainability Committee to share meeting minutes through e-mail. Tim suggested having regular member of UEC be present on Sustainability Committee.

8. Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.