

**Stony Brook University**  
University Senate  
Campus Environment Committee  
September 18, 2006  
V.P. Administration Conference Room,  
221 Administration Bldg.  
3:00 – 5:00 pm

Attending: Bill Dethlefs, (Outgoing Chair); Mary Woodward, Vice Chair; Gil Hanson, (Incoming Chair); Ramona Walls, Recording Secretary; Bob Aller, Catherine Horgan, Mary Hotaling, John Murray, Kristen Nyitray, Paul Siegel, Catherine Vetter, and Kathleen Weber.

Excused: Malcolm Bowman, John Robinson, Dorothy Shannon Schiff, and Muriel Weyl.

Staff: Barbara Chernow, AVP for Facilities and Services, and John Fogarty, Director of Capital Planning.

**Minutes**

I. Introductions – Bill Dethlefs

Introductions were made of all attendees. A warm welcome was given to Kathleen Weber as a new At Large member from Advancement.

II. Review of the Minutes – Bill Dethlefs

The minutes were approved as submitted.

III. Election of New Chair/Vice Chair - All

The University Senate requires election of officers at the beginning of the new term. As this was the first meeting of the new term, Ramona Walls was asked to request nominations of the positions of Committee Chair and Vice Chair. All newly elected officers are to serve until September 2007.

For Chair; Gil Hanson was the only nominee and he agreed to serve if elected. He then received a unanimous vote. He also asked that Bill Dethlefs continue in his role as chair until the end of the meeting.

For Vice-Chair; Mary Woodward was the only nominee. She also received a unanimous vote.

For Recording Secretary; Gil Hanson asked to have a position of Recording Secretary be created to take the meeting minutes. A motion to this effect was made and seconded. It passed by a unanimous vote. Prof. Hanson then asked for nominees. Ramona Walls was nominated. Her name was then submitted for a vote. She received a unanimous vote of support.

#### IV. Status Report

- a. Environmental Master Plan – B. Chernow  
Beyer, Blinder, and Bell are preparing a contract with Andropogon Associates to begin an Environmental Master Plan, initially for the Southampton campus and the Research Park on the recently acquired Gyrodyne property. Details will follow at a later date.
- b. Old Kings Highway Historical Marker – J. Fogarty  
As requested by John Fogarty, Lance Malamo a local historian has researched the maps associated with the spur of the Old Country Road. He believes this road spur on the northwest corner of the campus is part of the Old Country Road/Old Kings Highway network. Verification is still pending.  
  
Part of the road section in question is graveled and is on private property. An existing easement provides access to the portion of the road that is located on campus property.
- c. University Smoking Ban Proposal – Outcome – B. Dethlefs  
The proposal was to have been presented during the September meeting of the University Senate. It was then deferred to October due to a special town meeting being called. At this point student opposition is also being voiced for this proposal.
- d. 2005-2006 Annual Report to the University Senate – B. Dethlefs  
The annual report has been completed based on input from a number of committee members. It has been forwarded to the University Senate for review.

#### V. New Issues:

- a. Use of Brookhaven Town ‘Kettle Hole Park’ as a sump for road runoff- G. Hanson  
The 40 acre Brookhaven Town ‘Kettle Hole’ Park is located just south of Health Sciences Center Drive on East Campus. It contains geologic features from Long Island’s glacial era. There is concern that it is being used as a rainwater runoff sump by the university. During heavy rains a gully forms that directs storm runoff onto the park property. Gil Hanson indicated that Assemblyman Steve Englebright has expressed concern with this issue in the past. More recently the university has tried using bales of hay to divert the water from this area during storms. Barbara Chernow said that she will contact Chris Brennan, the Facilities manager on east campus, to explore possible solutions. On a related issue, Gil Hanson will be joining Barbara Chernow at an upcoming meeting of the Suffolk County Department of Public Works.  
  
With the committee’s focus on east campus, the issue of limited sidewalks was raised. Barbara Chernow indicated that she and Terrence Harrigan will continue to search for grant money to fund construction of sidewalks. It is likely to cost \$8 a square foot or more. Some money has been included in the next capital plan budget proposal.
- b. Bus routes/stops on campus/SAC to South P-lot- M. Bowman  
This item was deferred to the next meeting.

c. Feedback on New Traffic Roundabout- B. Chernow

Barbara reported that the new traffic roundabout at Circle and Marburger Drive has additional signage that still must be placed and a final coat of asphalt must be added. Once those tasks have been resolved the adjacent area will be landscaped. The bike path will also be painted.

Bob Aller was publicly acknowledged by Barbara for his perseverance of getting this traffic feature on campus. [In a recent article of the *Stony Brook Press* the Campus Environment Committee was credited for being the inspiration for the roundabout].

For the record traffic circles have 90 degree access points for cars, which require most of them to come to a full stop before entering. A roundabout follows a more contemporary design. It has gradual access points that are angled to allow cars to easily merge with traffic without stopping, therefore enhancing rather than impeding traffic.

d. Status and Purpose of Road Cut: Gyrodyne/Stony Brook Road – B. Chernow

The road cut on Stony Brook Road into the old Gyrodyne property was made for easier access by trucks and utility vehicles. The current roadbed could not accommodate the size or number of vehicles required to build the planned Research Park. Currently, about 10 construction vehicles use this access point each day. The road cut was the most cost-effective way to proceed with the building construction. It is also hoped that this will be the only road cut needed from Stony Brook Road. The original plan to have an over or under access point at a location farther south on Stony Brook Road is still being evaluated.

In response to a question regarding energy efficiency of the Center of Excellence in Wireless and Information Technology (CEWIT) buildings being built in the Research Park, Barbara stated that all buildings must adhere to the Governor's Executive Order 111, which requires high levels of (green) efficiency. [Committee minutes have referenced Executive Order 111 in the past. The addendum from Nov. 13, 2003 Campus Environment Committee meeting is attached below].

On June 10, 2001, Governor George E. Pataki announced [Executive Order No. 111](http://www.nyserda.org/exorder111.html) directing state agencies, state authorities and other affected entities to be more energy efficient and environmentally aware. Executive Order No. 111 continues and expands New York's leadership as one of the most aggressive states in the Union for addressing issues such as energy efficiency, renewable energy, green building practices and alternate fuel vehicles. (New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, November 26, 2003, <http://www.nyserda.org/exorder111.html>).

A question was raised regarding potential use of permeable asphalt on campus. Barbara indicated that she has had additional conversations with Teresa Durkin of Andropogon Associates for use of this material in our climate. If it is to be used the underlay must be prepared in a specific manner. Once completed, this type of asphalt must be vacuumed at least twice per year. Particulate matter builds up quickly and reduces the permeability of the asphalt.

- e. Review Committee Charge from the University Senate – M. Bowman  
Deferred to the next meeting.

VI. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Friends of the Ashley Schiff Park Preserve (FASPP) – M. Woodward  
A letter was recently sent to the FASPP members seeking donations. Letters have also been sent to recruit new members. A presentation will be held on Oct. 25, by a student that has engaged in research in the Ashley Schiff Park Preserve over the summer.
- b. ‘Little Acre Woods’ – P. Siegel and C. Horgan  
A proposal is being developed by the campus landscape architect for this parcel. Tentative implementation will be during EarthStock 2007 in April.

VII. Next Meeting – All

The next meeting will be on Monday, Oct. 16, from 3 – 5 pm in the conference room in 221 Admin.

VIII. Adjourn – Bill Dethlefs

The meeting was adjourned at 4 pm.

IX. Preliminary Agenda for Oct. 16, 2006

- a. Introductions - All
- b. Review of the Minutes – Gil Hanson
- c. Status Report
  - i. Environmental Master Plan – B. Chernow
  - ii. Old Kings Highway Historical Marker – J. Fogarty
  - iii. University Smoking Ban Proposal – Gil Hanson  
By request of the University Senate Executive Committee:
    - 1. Amendment to include Smoking Cessation
    - 2. Creation of a subcommittee for coalition building, draft policy development and education.
  - iv. Follow-up; Brookhaven ‘Kettle Hole Park’ as a sump- G. Hanson
- d. New Issues:
  - i. Bus routes/stops on campus/SAC to South P-lot- M. Bowman
  - ii. Review Committee Charge from the University Senate – M. Bowman
- e. Subcommittee Reports
  - i. Friends of the Ashley Schiff Park Preserve – M. Woodward
  - ii. ‘Little Acre Woods’ - All
- f. Other - All
- g. Next Meeting - All
- h. Adjourn

## **CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**2005/2006**

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**Proposed Change to the University Senate Committee Charge**

Proposed text:

It shall examine all aspects of campus environments, including all of Stony Brook University's physical assets, its branch campuses, and all future acquisitions. It includes, but is not limited to, environmental conservation, protection and enhancement of natural areas, including woodlands, lakes, streams, historic trails and biological preserves; enhancement of safety of pedestrians and cyclists, environmental and public health concerns, traffic congestion and parking problems, promotion of efficient public transportation; security issues, facilities planning, state of facilities; energy conservation, recycling, waste management and the general appearance of the campuses. It will consult with and advise the Vice President for Administration, the Assistant Vice President for Facilities and Services and their staff.

Existing Text:

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Chair: [William Dethlefs elected 9/05 for one more year.](#)

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John Fogarty and Terence Harrigan