

Stony Brook University
University Senate
Campus Environment Committee
March 11, 2008
VP Administration Conference Room
1:00 – 2:30 pm

Attending: Gil Hanson, Chair; Ramona Walls, Vice Chair; Nick Koridis, Recording Secretary; Barbara Chernow, Amy Provenzano, Catherine Horgan, Kathleen Weber, Paul Siegel, Robert Aller, Fred Walter, Kristen Nyitray, Louis Esparza, Malcolm Bowman, Krupa Gohil, John Murray, John Alessio, Amandeep Parhar, and Jonathan Mandel.

Excused: Mary Hotaling, Wendy Fidao, Gary Kaczmarczyk, Dorothy Shannon Schiff, Ana Topolovec, Muriel Weyl and John Robinson.

Staff: Barbara Chernow, Amy Provenzano

Guest: Louis Esparza (smoking policy committee)

Meeting called to order by: Gil Hanson at 1:06 PM (ended at 2:15 PM)

- I. Introductions – G. Hanson
Introductions were made of all attendees

- II. Review of the Minutes - The minutes were accepted and approved.

- III. Status Reports
 1. **Hotel Update – Barbara Chernow**
 - Barbara Chernow –Announced that the campus hotel plans are in discussion with a new firm utilizing the same parcel of land.
 - Malcolm’s suggested approach for a ground lease is to tear down the old Student Union and start over with a new building.
 - The ground lease would enable to build on state land.

 2. **Developments at the Research and Development Park – Barbara Chernow**
 - CEWIT is under budget and ahead of schedule and a new building is in design for the energy center.
 - SHTM is planning to move to the R&D space in building 17 and other organizations to move there as well. Cathy thanked Barbara for moving forward on this.
 - Other back office functions would be moved and other proposals would be considered.
 - Cross country track team and the mini Baja also utilize the R&D campus.

- Town of Brookhaven traffic division will monitor traffic flow on Stony Brook Road. Building an overpass would be considered if there was a large influx of traffic changes.

3. Campus Sustainability Task Force/Recycling – Amy Provenzano

- More members are joining every month.
- Plans are underway for the campus residence hall move out program to collect all recyclable waste stream items. This includes food, clothing, furniture, electronics, etc.
- Recycle mania is on target to do better than last year.
- Amandeep said SUNY Plattsburgh would do the same where they would hold onto items and at the beginning of the semester and students come back to claim their items.
- Fred asked do we hold on to this stuff.
- Gil asked if the residence halls have basement storage on campus and Barbara wasn't sure.
- Paul said this provides the convenience to save time to bring stuff back although Amy was more concerned about recycling only.
- Amy said Nike has a program to accept any kind of sneakers to collect in bins at the sports complex and wellness center.
- Malcolm asked about Jasmine and how they recycle and what do they use to collect waste with all plastic. No was able to answer that question.

4. University Safety Committee

- Cathy said the first meeting was supposed to be held on day the gunman alert went out. March 24 is the next meeting for the president to charge the committee and as they need to get this report by June.

5. Parking and Transportation Subcommittee – Ramona

- They have not met as per Paul

6. Campus Environmental Committee Charge

- To be discussed at the next meeting

Friends of Ashley Schiff.

- Malcolm met with new students?
- Spoke about having open competitions?
- Signage's for Ashley Schiff and the kiosk?
- Gil leading hike in woods
- Friday, April 18th Earthstock. ... This program runs all week...

OTHER

- Earthstock on SUNY SB website... for details go to:
<http://ws.cc.stonybrook.edu/sb/earthstock/>
- Speaker at the Wang Center April 18.

Sustainability: A Mosaic of Many Small Steps in the Right Direction

Hans-Peter Plag is Research Professor, University of Nevada, Reno. His research interests include rheology of the Earth mantle; sea level fluctuations and global climate change; Earth rotation studies and integration of the solid Earth into Earth system models; space geodesy; and geodetic reference frames. Professional activities are related to the Global Geodetic Observing System and the Group on Earth Observations. Sponsored by the Provost's Office and the Living World Lecture Series. *Photo by Teresa Danna-Douglas, Univ. of Nevada, Reno.*

Friday, April 18, 7:30 pm, Charles B. Wang Theatre

- Gil announced this fall the committee will be looking for a chairperson to be selected.

7. Subcommittee Reports - Louis Esparza

- Louis spoke about a meeting last week with images and charts from maps Nick and John included. Two sets of maps of the campus were to scale from John of the Academic Mall he acquired through FD&C.
- Smoking committee met last week and spoke about recommendations to reconsider 20 ft rule. They would keep the 20 ft rule but would add area on academic mall to add optional locations where smokers can smoke.
- Two positions, smoking areas for other groups wanted 20 ft. rule. Would prefer to stay with this since they discussed this for a while.
- Louis passed around a revised GSO resolution on the last page. Supports sub committees and for 20' distance from any buildings will discuss tonight.
- University senate will meet tonight to discuss this further and bring to the senate.
- Louis pointed out on the map that shows the mall area but not included the seating area on the map.
- Louis will speak with comm. to clarify any changes or other items that affect the policy.
- Malcolm asked to clarify the policy and speak about the changes that benefit smokers. Louis said he supports the committee recommendations.
- Malcolm asked Barbara where the ultimate authority comes into play. Barbara was going to ask the question too.
- This comm. votes today to recommend to the senate and the CEC. It was extremely contentious meeting last week and said this committee is hard working and in support of the findings.
- Gil said he was pushing for a consistent policy and he feels it is a good compromise. This is just a policy for now and can be worded in a different way.

- Fred said we can vote for partial approval. Lou said 20 ft is consistent for residence and hospital is 50 feet.
- Gil entertained any other discussions. Amy said it will be difficult to enforce.
- Malcolm made a suggestion to ban smoking on academic mall and policy change.
- John A spoke about what was discussed at last weeks meeting to build Tiki hut etc.
- Fred said he liked the suggestion that Malcolm proposed about no smoking on campus mall.
- Gil asked how difficult to install structure to Barbara, although she wasn't sure and will look into it further. Amy said the HSC had one that was dirty, hard to maintain and smelled.
- Barbara inquired about boundaries such as what part of the mall is defined in the spirit of the policy.
- Gil asked what we want to consider. Read from the draft policy statement, page two of policy was handed out. Should we ban smoking on the mall? Fred motion to ban smoking on mall second Catherine.
- Gil asked for any more discussion.
- Kathleen asked about what if there are complaints about people congregating around the buildings. Who would they complain to? EHS does not enforce policy and Suffolk County Dept of Health would.
- Paul asked Barbara why we wouldn't enforce it ourselves.
- Barbara suggested to bring it to labor relations and to have an issue resolved if someone is continually breaking rules or policy.
- Louis said enforcement would define the campus mall and its limits.
- Motion to ban smoking on mall... Fred and Cathy seconded. Motion needs to be all those in favor one abstention and 7 voted for.
- Gil wants pictures included with the campus map to show limits.
- No other discussion on policy.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at 1:00 PM VP Conference Room

CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE 2007/2008

Charge: It shall examine all aspects of the campus environment, including but not limited to safety, security, facilities planning, state of facilities, and general appearance of the campus. It will consult with and advise the Assistant Vice President for Facilities and Services.

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