

Annual Report for the University Senate Campus Environment Committee

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The highlights of the 2008-09 academic year for the Campus Environment Committee

The minutes for the monthly meetings are posted on the University Senate web sites.

- The Campus Environment Committee has been actively requesting that an environmental master plan be prepared for the Main Campus. In January 2009 Amy Provenzano reported that Barbara Chernow has received approval from the State University Construction Fund to proceed with a master plan for the main Stony Brook campus. This master plan will include an environmental plan.
- The Campus Environment Committee has been working to restrict smoking on the Main Campus. In the past we were working through the University Senate. Bernard Lane recommended that smoking on campus should be decided by the executive branch of the campus. As a result the campus Environment Committee recommended that there be no smoking within 25 feet of any building on the East Campus. This Spring a policy has been established that there will be no smoking within 25 feet of any building on the west campus. Smoking is forbidden on the east campus.
- An East Campus Environment Committee has been established with good working relations with the University Senate Campus Environment Committee. Catherine Horgan a member of the Campus Environment Committee is the co-chair of the East Campus Environment Committee.
- The Campus Environment Committee has been working with the Friends of the Ashley Schiff Park Preserve and the Stony Brook Environmental Conservancy to secure official recognition of the forever wild status of the Ashley Schiff Park Preserve. This spring President Shirley Kenny agreed to begin the process of officially establishing the forever wild status of the preserve.
- The Campus Environment Committee has been working to establish the beautification of Lake Briana the large recharge basin just east of Nicolls Road and north of the main entrance. This recharge basin is considered a wetland by the New York Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). The DEC is in favor of a nature path along part of the basin. John Robinson is chair of the subcommittee on the Beautification of Lake Briana. John and members of this subcommittee have met with Barbara Chernow, Amy Provenzano and representatives of the DEC to prepare plans for the beautification.
- A proposed name change and charge has been presented to the University Senate for approval as an amendment to the constitution of the University Senate. We are awaiting the results of the second vote on the proposed name change and charge.