STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY SENATE

Campus Environment Committee

Minutes of the meeting of March 8, 1:00-2:30 pm - version 2. Virtual meeting on Zoom.

In attendance: Tom Wilson (chair), Tiffany Friedman, Nicola G. Piacquadio, Gary Kaczmarczyk, Clifford Knee, Frederick Walter, Mei Sen Lam, Chris Sellers, Carlos Colosqui, Dan Amarante

Meeting called to order: 1:06pm

Tom - Ashley Schiff report given at Senate meeting Monday, March 6th. Tom likes the new format to the senate meeting where administration reports are given at the end. Thomas put the video in the chat. Resolution passed 76 in favor, 1 opposed, 10 abstentions. Positive feedback from Senate President Richard Larson, SOMAS Dean Paul Shepson, and Assistant to President Judy Greiman. Support from graduates and USG. Informally the president wants to wait until the master plan is done before approving the preserve. Tom is being interviewed by school journalist today. Earthstock is coming up and there will be a booth for the environment committee available to promote the Ashley Schiff preserve.

Fred: recommended tours through the preserve since people are unaware of its location.

Tom: He will answer some of the questions asked at the Senate meeting in a report. Deer population control is a separate issue from the preserve. Deer will eat up a lot of landscaping and control their population through starvation. There aren't a lot of natural predators to decrease the deer population so this is a continuous problem but there are options available to control Beautification came up as a discussion and Tom is offering anyone on the committee to take that on as a project.

Energy master plan:

The energy department gave a presentation last month. Tom wants to know if there is any follow up. Chris has been very busy lately and hasn't gotten around to reviewing the presentation but encourages the subcommittee to meet again to formulate questions for the energy department.

Parking:

Presentation will be given at the next senate meeting. Fred sent an email to the MAPS department and Tom sent Richard Larson from Senate a breakdown of his thoughts <u>Larson_UEC_Parking_20230302</u> (stonybrook.edu).

New business:

Tom wants to encourage someone to step forward to be the Chair of the committee because he is retiring in a year.

Next meeting: April 12th Adjourned: 1:56pm

Respectfully submitted, Tiffany Freidman