

## Faculty Senate Committee Report

Committee:	Resources and Environment
Date and Time:	Tuesday, February 26, 2013, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Location:	Room 138, 1911 Building
Issues (3):	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Approval of appointments to certain university standing committees 3:00 to 3:20.</li><li>2) Receiving information on new campus parking rules and fee increases from NCSU Dept. of Transportation. 3:25 to 4:00.</li><li>3) Faculty input in deliberations regarding the sale of Hoffman Forest. 4:00 to 4:50.</li></ol>
Those Present:	Committee Members: Ed Funkhouser (Co-Chair), Rob Rucker, Lloyd Fleisher, Lucy Bradley, and Paola Sztajn. Guests: Amy Jinnette and Donna Johnson from the Provost's Office for Issue No. 1; Tom Kendig, Director of Transportation, and Greg Cain, Asst Director of Transportation for Parking Services for Issue No. 2; and Fred Cabbage, Professor of Forestry and Environmental Resources, for Issue No. 3.
Issue No. 1:	Approved appointments to the Art Acquisitions, Dining, Physical Environment, Student Health, and University Housing Committees. Committee suggested that Barbara Fair, Horticultural Science, be considered for appointment to the Physical Environment Committee. Amy Jinnette reported there were 150 faculty volunteers to fill 58 committee vacancies this year. Two documents presented by Jinnette and Johnson, "Information for 2013-2014 University Standing Committees Presented to Resources and Environment Committee, February 26, 2013," and "Committee Notes, Resources and Environment Committee, February 26, 2013" are attached to this report.

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Issue No. 2                      Committee received information regarding proposed new parking fees and other changes to campus parking system for the 2013-2014 academic year. These are detailed in an attached two-page document.

Issue No. 3                      Professor Cabbage appeared before the committee to argue for additional faculty input into deliberations regarding the proposed sale of Hoffman Forest. The NCSU Natural Resources Foundation, owner of the forest, has decided to sell this property. Cabbage opposes the sale of this 80,000 acre forest located in Jones and Onslow counties in North Carolina, and he provided the committee with a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of a memorandum to the NCSU Natural Resources Foundation Board, and other documents which detail the arguments and evidence in support of his position. These documents are attached to this report.

The committee perceived there were two issues raised by this circumstance, one short-term and situational and the other more long-term and underlying. First, the committee recommended that the NCSU Natural Resources Foundation respond in some fashion to the objections raised by those faculty opposed to the sale. Perhaps a public meeting could serve as a forum for presentations and discussion by those on all sides of this issue.

The more long-term issue may be stated as a question. Many of our university foundations, including the Natural Resources Foundation, are independent organizations which actually aren't part of the university but were established to support the efforts of university faculty and students. What happens when a major decision made by a foundation board is opposed by a substantial and meaningful number of faculty members and students the foundation was created to support? The committee felt there should be open communication and frequent cooperation between all university foundations and those they serve.