

Meeting Minutes
Resources and Environment Committee
September 1, 2015
3:00 PM, Room 2108 DH Hill

Present: Richard (Dick) Bernhard, Fred Cabbage, Chris Gunter, Marguerite Moore, Darby Orcutt

Excused: Sophia Kathariou

Absent: James Bartlett, Bryan Laffitte, Harry Perros, Phillip Sannes, Samuel Sotillo

Darby opens by stating that Dick has already done some of the leg work regarding our action items. The first issue we addressed is the item regarding the costs of telephones and internet being pushed to the units. Dick talked to Marc Hoit who assured him that this issue is under scrutiny. The committee discussed the issue in an effort to clarify what we need to address. Dick suggested that we have someone from Marc Hoit's office to address our committee, and all agreed.

A second issue regarding parking in the North Lot has been brought to the Senate. Dick clarified the issue by giving us some insight—the real estate developers unilaterally installed no parking signs, of which NCSU transportation had no knowledge. Catherine (Cathy) Reeve, Director of Transportation, relayed to Dick that the hotel will be looking for alternative spaces for valet parking for the Aloft Hotel. Further, she indicated that her office is aware of the signs in the parking lot and they are working on a viable solution. We will seek an update with Cathy Reeve on the plan to deal with this parking issue.

Another issue we addressed is the state of the University Physical Environment Committee (PEC). Dick gave us a background of the PEC. The PEC is responsible for approving the yearly transportation budget (as well as the Faculty and Staff Senates). This year the PEC committee has no one actually providing administrative support for the meetings. The last official meeting occurred April 9th, 2015, and the committee has yet to convene this semester. Dick relayed that faculty are discontent that buildings on Centennial Campus (e.g., the textile innovation center) are being built without advance notice to faculty. In addition, the two IOCs discussed above may not have been concerns had this committee been consulted. Dick has brought this matter to the attention of the Provost who is currently considering the issue of faculty input in matters of the sort, and indicated that he will reach out to schedule a discussion soon.

We also discussed Sustainability Rankings made by the Sierra Club and the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (web site at: <http://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/2015-5-september-october/cool-schools-2015/full-ranking>) and discussed in the *News and Observer* last week, and the function of the NCSU Sustainability Committee. Dick is on this university sustainability committee and says that the committee functions very well. Jack Colby's name was brought up along with Tracy Dixon as potential visitors from the Sustainability Committee. Fred pointed out that NC State did not rank well compared with our peers in the Sierra Club/AASHE rankings (not in the Top 100), and that it would be interesting to find out how these scores are developed and how we could improve our position at NC State University. Darby pointed out that Jack Colby or Tracy Dixon they may be appropriate for addressing the full Senate, or simply the committee; the chairs will pose these possibilities to the Executive Committee. Meeting adjourned at 4:30PM.