

8/30/16 Resource and Environment Committee Meeting Minutes

7 senators in attendance --- Kimberly Ange-van Heugten, Richard Bernhard, Helmut Hergeth Richard Kotek, Steven Peretti, Harry Perros, & Matthew Rever

It was agreed upon by all to change future meetings times to 3:15pm for future Fall semester meetings. Also, it was agreed upon that Kimberly and Helmut as co-chairs will try to ensure that any meeting cancellations happen at least 3 days in advance to avoid confusion that has happened with some senators on previous committees.

The petition to change the unity login ID in compelling circumstances was discussed. It was reported that Dr. Marc Hoit and Dr. Marie Williams (associate vice chancellor of HR) have said these IDs can be changed with a simple request. We noted that Dr. Hergeth and Dr. Ange-van Heugten will recheck with Dr. Marc Hoit to see if this committee item has already been fixed from the 2015 - 2016 year. (We will also make sure that we find out who the ID change request go to (there is much discussion that these request should bypass the person's supervisor / department head, etc. such that personal matters may be allowed to remain private and that this remains a HR item)).

A new item of concern was brought to our attention via Dr. Bernhard. His point summary is that many linkages between and among the faculty senate and the physical environment committee and the Office of Finance and Business have been altered / lessened or deleted over recent years. This relationship has reportedly been quite strong and is no longer this way due to various leadership changes over recent years. Most directly, the Office of Finance and Business (Facilities and Transportation is a sub-division) Associate Vice Chancellor for facilities retired (Dr. MacNaughten) and new hire came in but is also now gone as he left to be a chancellor at a different university. Dr. MacNaughten is back temporarily helping while they are interviewing for a new Associate Vice Chancellor. This committee to hire doesn't have a faculty senate representative. Again, reportedly there are no linkages that are still current between the faculty senate and transportation since the physical environment committee no longer exists and thus the old linkages are gone.

It has been reportedly said that it is expensive to educate the faculty senate on these transportation and physical environment matters and the faculty input is not really needed. Thus, is faculty input and advice are not wanted on these linkages or is it just that the linkages have been lost over the last 3 - 4 years?

Some questions posed to our committee by Dr. Bernhard were: Should we be involved in the pick of the Associate Vice Chancellor of the Office of Finance and Business position. (If this person has not already been picked). If this person is already hired, can we have a quick meeting ASAP to address the importance of the connections between them and the faculty senate?

It was noted that Cathy Reeve is the Transportation Director and talked to the Resource and Environment committee before and could be a nice liaison now as well. The faculty Senate has to approve the new parking and transportation plan yearly but it is usually not something we can really change at that point and thus prior involvement has historically been a positive thing.

A Question that was posed to Dr. Bernhard: What do you suggest that we do?

His answer was a suggestion that our committee contact Dr. Kevin MacNaughten and talk to him before he retires again. Perhaps he can help find a way to restore our connections / linkages. These linkages have a productive history with the senate. If he is unavailable, Dr. Scott Douglass was noted as a senior level contact if Dr. MacNaughten is no longer available.

Jack Colby – was also a recommended contact for this matter - although he spoke to the Resource and Environment committee group last year.

It was also noted that some faculty may not know and therefore appreciate some of what our university does to help the environment. Examples that were noted include water conservation competitions between NCSU and UNC as well as numerous recycling initiatives. Perhaps better highlighting of these items would be beneficial.

After the R & E meeting:

Dr. Jeannette Moore was notified of our interest in contacting Dr. Kevin MacNaughten such that the Executive committee confirms it is a matter for us to research

Dr. Ange-van Heugten, Dr. Hergeth, Dr. Marc Hoit & Mardecia Bell set to meet on Login matter on 9/19/2016