

# NC State University

## Faculty Senate

### Resources and Environment Committee

*The Resources & Environment Committee, which is advisory to the Chair of the Faculty and to the General Faculty, is responsible for reviewing and making recommendations regarding policies related to the allocation and management of University resources, and maintenance of and improvements to the University environment. The environment is broadly defined to incorporate not only the physical plant but also the less tangible elements of the University living and workplace climate that affect the ability of University faculty, staff, and students to accomplish their goals and objectives. This includes, but is not limited to, the campus physical plant; outdoor spaces; campus safety; transportation and parking; campus bookstore and other on-campus retail outlets; University housing and student life; availability and support for computer, networking, and other technological resources; and issues related to faculty, staff, and student academic freedom and ownership of work created in the course of employment and/or residence in the University.*

### Minutes of September 26, 2107 Meeting

**Attendance:** RaJade M. Berry-James (Co-chair), Beth Wright Fath (Co-Chair), Dimitris Argyropoulos, Tom Barrie, Jeremiah Feducia, Harry Perros, Matthew Rever

**Guests:** Gary Blank, Robert Hoon

- I. The committee met on Tuesday, 9/26, 3-4:30pm, 2312G DH Hill, Faculty Commons area.
- II. Co-chair Fath asked members of the committee and guests to introduce themselves.
- III. Co-chair Fath asked members of the committee to provide a brief update on additional Faculty Senate 2017-18 Committee Assignments.
- IV. Co-chair Fath invited Mr. Robert Hoon, NCSU Deputy General Counsel, to discuss the proposed improvements to I-440 between Walnut Street and Wade Avenue, including interchanges. The NC Department of Transportation has proposed to widen I-440 between Walnut Street and Wade Avenue to three lanes in each direction and improvement of interchanges. Mr. Hoon discussed the location, design and impact of the proposed project (STIP Project No. U-2719, Federal Aid No. IMSNHS-0440(10), <https://www.ncdot.gov/projects/i-440improvements/>) on NC State University facilities and the NC State University Club. If continued, Mr. Hoon noted that the I-440 Improvements project will significantly impact NC State as well as the NC State University Club.
- V. Received from the Executive Committee, the committee discussed the **Resolution of the Faculty Senate of North Carolina State University for an Alternate Solution to I-440 Encroachment on NC State University Property** which states, “Be it resolved, that the North Carolina State University Faculty Senate appeals to North Carolina Department of Transportation planners to eliminate the Hillsborough Street interchange with I-440 and requests that University real estate office administrators advocate for this resolution to an otherwise deplorable diminution of aesthetic and recreational value for faculty, alumni and families who have built the (Faculty) University Club as an institution since the 1960s.” By unanimous vote, the committee did not endorse this resolution.
- VI. The committee also discussed the following impact of the I-440 Improvements: (a) *NC State University. All three Detailed Study Alternatives would require approximately 18.6 to 18.9 acres of right of way from the NC State University property between Hillsborough Street and Wade Avenue. NC State University Club; and (b) The University Club is a private recreation facility located west of I-440 on Linda Murphy Drive. It is operated by the University Club Foundation. The Foundation leases approximately 41 acres of land from NC State University for the club site. The University Club has a clubhouse, 9-hole golf course, tennis courts, and a swimming pool. The NC*

*State University Athletics Department subleases land from the University Club for a golf practice facility near Wade Avenue. The University Club tennis courts, parking area, and golf course would be directly impacted by all three Detailed Study Alternatives. Additional coordination with NC State University and University Club will be conducted by NCDOT to explore impact minimization measures and potential options for relocation and compensation. (Source: Environmental Assessment Report, retrieved online at [https://www.ncdot.gov/projects/i-440improvements/download/u2719\\_environmental\\_assessment.pdf](https://www.ncdot.gov/projects/i-440improvements/download/u2719_environmental_assessment.pdf))*

**RECOMMENDATION:** By unanimous vote, the Committee recommends that the Faculty Senate urgently investigate the potential impact of I-440 Improvements on NC State University facilities and the NC State University Club and consider taking an official position regarding the encroachment and relocation proposed by this project.

Respectfully submitted,

Jade Berry James