

Stony Brook University
University Senate
Campus Environment Committee
June 15, 2006
V.P. Administration Conference Room,
221 Administration Bldg.
1:00 – 3:00 pm

Attending: Bill Dethlefs, Chair; Mary Woodward, Vice Chair, Bob Aller, Malcolm Bowman, Gil Hanson, John Murray, Kristen Nyitray, and John Robinson.

Excused: Wendy Fidao, Robert Hunter, Catherine Horgan, Catherine Murphy-Vetter, Mary Hotaling, Debbie Nappi-Gonzalez, Dorothy Shannon Schiff, Paul Siegel, F. Jason Torre, Ramona Walls and Muriel Weyl.

Staff: Barbara Chernow, Assistant Vice President for Facilities and Services; John Fogarty, Director of Capital Planning; Doug Little, Assistant Chief, University Police; Officer Peter Tomson, University Police; and Mark Woodruff, Assistant Director for Facilities and Services.

Minutes

- I. Introductions – All
Introductions were made of all guests and attendees.

- II. Review of the Minutes- Bill Dethlefs
The minutes were reviewed as submitted in advance. Any changes should be directed to the chair prior to posting to the web.

- III. Status Report – Environmental Master Plan – B. Chernow
Barbara Chernow met with Theresa Durkin of Andropogon Associates to discuss environmental master plan strategies. Barbara asked Theresa to send her sample plans and proposals. An RFP is to be developed, assisted by Mary Woodward in Procurement. The RFP may include both the Southampton and Stony Brook campuses. An update will be given during the next meeting.

- IV. Status Report – (Old Kings Highway) Historical Marker – J. Fogarty
The road spur that crosses the northwest corner of the campus is notably old, but its origin has still not been verified. John Fogarty took on the task of researching the origins of the road in the Town of Brookhaven archived records. A Brookhaven survey record from 1864 was located that referred to the road as the “Old Road to Smithtown,” based upon earlier records, such as in 1713 where it is the: “Smith Towne old rode.” In another reference it was called “Smithtown Path” in 1704. Evidently it was also used as a property boundary.

Other documents indicate that Suffolk County had responsibility for establishing the Kings Highway section in 1717. Besides John Fogarty's efforts Lance Malamo, once the Suffolk County historian, has also been researching the Suffolk County archives. Thus far, most of the records have referred to "Old Kings Highway" as being the same road as Middle Country Road. More research is needed to verify the origin and authenticity of the road spur on campus. Updates will follow during future meetings.

- V. Demonstration of Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) - Peter Thomson and Doug Little
By state law, Automatic External Defibrillators are required in all public buildings. Over 300 are to be placed at key locations on the Stony Brook University campus, probably near existing fire extinguishers. This action will be phased in over a period of several years. In concert with the installation of the kits, staff training will be required in all facilities. The primary trainer on campus is Officer Thomson.

A demonstration of the AED kit was given. It is to be used on distressed individuals that have suffered a heart attack or similar condition and their heart beat has stopped. Several points for use of the AED kits were emphasized by Officer Thomson.

- The skin must be dry.
- The full chest of the distressed individual must be exposed.
- The voice prompts and graphic aids of the AED kit must be followed.
- CPR should be started until the AED kit is located and activated.
- Once in place the AED will itself take over. It will then analyze the situation and will initiate the shock treatment when appropriate.
- If the AED kit cannot be found CPR must be continued for as long as necessary.
- It is a violation of state law not to respond to someone in need.

The formal training for using the AED will take approximately four hours. All participants will need CPR training before they start the AED training. The training will start first with the Safety Wardens, as they are expected to know the location of the AED units. They are to be trained in both CPR and AED. It was noted that two lives have already been saved on campus through use of these AED kits.

- VI. Roundabouts (PowerPoint) – M. Bowman

A slide presentation was shown of three roundabouts located in the Cantabria area of Spain. Europe in general has been more accepting of roundabouts and their comfort level was evident in the slides. One, two, and three lane roundabouts were shown. Each can accommodate an increasing amount of traffic. Pedestrian passageways were shown as cross walks at the four cross streets. Pedestrian access can go over or under a roundabout, but never directly across.

The preferred term for these circular roadways is 'roundabout.' The older term 'traffic circles' implied an earlier and less functional design.

VII. University Senate No Smoking Proposal- Modification of Start Date – Bill Dethlefs

A status report was given on the initial presentation of the Committee’s proposal to ban all smoking on campus. The proposal was well received with two rounds of applause from the University Senators during the May 1, University Senate meeting. Since that time the University Senate president, Brent Lindquist, has forwarded the proposal to a broad spectrum of groups across campus for their review. The proposal will be submitted for a vote during the September meeting of the University Senate. (See Attachment A).

Bill Dethlefs asked for one part of the proposal to be reviewed. The effective date is listed in the proposal as fall 2006, which will not allow for discussions to take place between the University Senate and the university administration prior to implementation. The committee members indicated that the proposal can remain as originally submitted. The negotiation process can finalize any details.

It was also stated that the State of New York requires smoking areas to be away from building entrances so as to not block access. This suggests that the current 15 foot no-smoking radius at building entrances is in violation of state law. The smoking ban proposal requires the development of no smoking areas away from buildings, on an interim basis until fully implemented after three years.

VIII. Subcommittee Reports

a. Friends of the Ashley Schiff Park Preserve (FASPP) – M. Woodward

The FASPP will be represented at two events at ‘Experience Stony Brook’ student events held over Labor Day weekend. There will also be a table on Sunday Sept 3 at the off-campus merchant showcase from 12-2pm. Gil Hanson will be on-hand to give a tour. Attendees will meet at the table. A special walk will be held on August 30th led by Dr Margaret Conover for the incoming international Graduate and Undergraduate students. It was also noted that two students are using the Ashley Schiff Park Preserve for their primary research and members of WISE* are also engaged in research related to the Preserve.

A deadline of July 1 has been set for applications for a student scholarship. Another donor has indicated they would like to support development of the endowed scholarship. Jane MacArthur is doing with follow-up work with the donor.

*WISE: Women in Science and Engineering

b. “Little Acre Woods” – All

Discussion deferred to the next meeting.

c. Earthstock – Apr. 22 – Malcolm Bowman

Strong support and funding were provided from the president’s office, plus all the campus Deans and VP’s.(support totaled about \$34,000) this year. Future events are to be planned through the Dean of Students office. Over the last few years this event has

become a campus tradition and is highly regarded. A request was made to invite Al Gore to the next Earthstock to address issues associated with global warming.

IX. Other- Construction Update – Barbara Chernow

A roundabout is now being constructed at the intersection of Circle Road and Marburger Drive. The protective fencing is already up and the construction equipment has been moved into place. In addition, construction will start in the near future on the Campus Recreation Center which is located just east of the Sports Complex.

X. Next Meeting – All

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 24, 2006 from 1 – 3 pm in the conference room of 221 Administration Building.

XI. Adjourn – All

The meeting was adjourned at 3 pm

XII. Preliminary Agenda for August 24.

- a. Introductions
- b. Review of the Minutes
- c. Status Report- Environmental Master Plan
- d. Status Report- Old Kings Highway Historical Marker
- e. University Smoking Ban Proposal – Final Review
- f. Subcommittee Reports
 - i. Friends of the Ashley Schiff Park Preserve
 - ii. ‘Little Acre Woods’
- g. Leadership succession- New Chair Election in September
- h. Other
- i. Next Meeting
- j. Adjourn

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Attachment A

Recommendation to the University Senate Executive Committee on a campus no-smoking policy, as initiated by the Campus Environment Committee, on April 28, 2006

In response to the request by the Executive Committee of the University Senate to reconsider previous recommendations made regarding this policy, the following recommendations are made:

Effective fall 2006 smoking will be limited only to pre-designated areas on campus. These areas are yet to be determined, but will allow for existing limitations as noted for dormitories, the hospital, and the Long Island Veterans home. In a time frame not to exceed three years a total ban on smoking is to be implemented campus-wide. This ban will follow a policy recently implemented by SUNY Upstate Medical University that affects all faculty, staff, students, patients, and visitors.

Justification: A ban on all smoking removes two problems with the existing policy; the varied size of the non-smoking radius at campus entrances (15 feet versus 50 feet), and the problems associated with smoking-related litter. It also addresses the role that the university plays as both a health care provider and major employer with an obligation to help contain both the costs of providing quality health care and negotiating lower health insurance premiums for faculty, staff, and students, along with the development of wellness programs. The continuing tolerance of any smoking behaviors on campus can no longer be justified.

A copy of the SUNY Upstate 'No Smoking Policy: Smoke-Free Campus' policy statement and press release are attached for your review.

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