

**STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY SENATE**  
**University Environment Committee**  
Meeting of May 9, 2023, 1:00 PM EST  
Online meeting (Zoom)

In attendance: Thomas Wilson, chair, Richard Stein, Giacinto Piacquadio, Mei Sen Lam, Frederick Walter, Gary Kaczmarczyk, Joanna Kaczorowska, Mona Ramonetti, and Nicholas Smith.

Meeting called to order by Chair at 1:00pm.

Adoption of draft Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2023 - moved by Joanna, second by Mona. Without objection minutes are adopted.

Ashley Schiff report:

**Thomas Wilson:** welcome to the end of the semester. It's been a very busy year for the Environment Committee preservation and parking and energy. Mona and I attended the University Senate coordinating Council meeting yesterday. Environment Committee got a couple of rounds of applause during that meeting, so I think we should all take pride in that.

The Ashley Schiff status report: on Earth Day the President announced her support for formal preservation for a substantial part of Ashley. I attended the Friends of Ashley Schiff annual meeting May 2nd and it was very nice to tell that news directly to Dorothy Schiff Shannon, who is the widow. The plan right now is for the University to put a conservation easement on the preservation for all but a couple of acres that are adjacent to South campus, because they said they want to hold that back for the possibility that a rebuilt South campus might need to expand a little bit. Right now there's no protection beyond the President's decision. I've done some research on easements and a conservation easement is easier to get.

#### Parking

**Thomas Wilson:** I have continued to recommend that the Senate push to have the Administration restart a dialogue on parking, not just presentations, which they have done. And request for comments which they're receiving. A dialogue is important. There's a lot to be considered beyond the finances. There's Equity Act issues, access issues, logistics, issues which really are all within the scope of shared governance. So far there is no move by the Administration to reform the Parking Advisory Board, which was the venue for this.

#### Energy Working Group

**Giacinto Piacquadio:** We had a meeting last week where we discussed the status. There's a draft with introduction. Then Chris worked on the main part, especially on site Solar. I'm working on the off site costs and then we have one part Dan's going to work on transportation and wind on campus. We are going to meet again, I think next week on the 18th.

**Thomas Wilson:** The plan is to finish the report over the summer. Then potentially, we'd be able to get it to the Senate either in the fall or in the spring depending on what's available.

Old business: None

New Business

Richard Stein: I will be reaching out to you, Tom, with the results of the election.

Adjournment at 1:31 pm.

Minutes prepared by Tiffany Freidman.