



The **UNIVERSITY of OKLAHOMA**
Environmental Concerns Committee

Minutes

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE MEETING

Call To Order

A Zoom virtual meeting of the Environmental Concerns Committee was held on September 21, 2020. It began at 2:04 PM and was presided by Tamera McCuen, the Environmental Concerns Committee chair.

Attendees

Voting Members in Attendance: Tamera McCuen, Scott Greene, Caleb Muckala, Timothy Smith

Ex-Officio Members in Attendance: Sarah Ballew, Brian Holderread, Ame Aziere, Zev Trachtenberg, Gary Gress, Dorothy Flowers, Laura Tontz, Dipankar Ghosh, Jake Lange, Timothy Smith, Joel Wilson, Randy Pepler

Agenda Items

I. General Business

- a. Committee Bylaws
 - i. Posted on the Environmental Concerns Committee Website.
- b. Proposed time & dates for future meetings
 - i. 2:00 – 3:00 pm on November 16th, February 15th, March 15th, April 19th

II. Program Presentation

- a. Protecting Oklahoma's Biodiversity
- b. Oklahoma BioBlitz (biosurvey.ou.edu/bioblitzok); biosurvey.ou.edu/pollinators)
 - i. Spring Monthlong Inventory
 - ii. In coordination with the State Parks office
 - iii. Citizen Science and examination of the biodiversity across Oklahoma
 - iv. Approximately 400 people counting species and examining patterns across the state.
 - 1. Over 1261 species identified this year (!)
 - v. 2021 BioBlitz: Oct. 1-3 at Roman Nose State park
- c. Oklahoma Natural Areas Registry
 - i. Program to work with landowners to preserve biodiversity on private land across the state (133 landowners involved)
- d. Habitat restoration and rehabilitation
 - i. Oklahoma Native Seed Library
- e. Education
 - i. Field course in Conservation Biology
 - ii. Beautification the OBS Lake Texoma location

III. Old Business

- a. Linking committee's efforts to OU campuses sustainability and environmental plans
 - i. Scott contacted the OU research strategic planning committee and asked that group to participate and be engaged with the ECC as well.
- b. How does the committee's work relate to OU campus operations and strategic plan?
 - i. Still on the table to consider
- c. Sarah suggested that we consider speakers for upcoming meetings
 - i. Operations
 - ii. Academic opportunities
 - iii. Research opportunities
 - iv. Student group efforts
 - v. Future Guest speakers/Presentations

IV. Other Topics for Discussion

- a. Identify topics for meetings and presentations
 - i. Email and suggestions to Tammy.

Our next meeting for this academic year will take place on November 16thth at 2:00 PM via Zoom.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 3:02 PM.