



*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 April 17, 2023 It began at 2:07 PM and was presided by Heather McCarthy, the Environmental Concerns Committee chair.

**Attendees**

*Voting members in attendance:* Melodi Franklin, Heather McCarthy, Scott Greene

*Others In attendance:* Dorothy Flowers, Robert Knox, Becca Palczynsky, Ame Aziere, Christopher Snider, Randy Pepler

**Agenda Items**

**I. General Business**

a. The Environmental Stewardship Awards were announced and the winners are:

**i. Student Group**

1. Green week

**ii. Individual**

1. Becca Palczynsky

**iii. Department**

1. Department of Geography and Environmental Sustainability

**II. Future Meetings**

a. Next Meeting tentatively scheduled for May 8th.

i. Presentation to be determined.

**III. Program Presentation**

a. Presentation from Ms. Becca Palczynsky, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Alliance for Geographic Education, on the harmful impacts of light pollution, especially artificial light at night.

b. Examples from Northern Arizona University and Washington University in St. Louis of how to develop a night-friendly university campus, were presented.

c. Slides will be provided by Ms. Palczynsky and will be circulated to the ECC.

**IV. Motion**

a. After lengthy discussion of Ms. Palczynsky's presentation, Ms. Franklin made a motion (seconded by Dr. Greene) that the ECC should draft a letter to President Harroz urging the Office of the President to lead the charge for implementing campus-wide lighting policies and practices at OU which

promote good stewardship of our natural and financial resources while protecting Oklahoma's wildlife and providing the university community with a more natural night sky.

- b. Motion carried unanimously, and Dr. Greene will work with Ms. Palczynsky to draft the letter.

**V. Adjournment**

- a. Meeting adjourned 2:52 PM