



**Campus Improvements Committee Meeting**

November 29th, 2023 | 5:00pm

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**Committee Chair**

Chandler Donahey

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**I. Roll Call/Quorum ~ 5:00**

- a. Sen. Maia Brown - absent
- b. Sen. Olivia Cartwright (Olive) - present
- c. Sen. Chandler Donahey - present
- d. Sen. Katyayani Karlapati - present
- e. Sen. Sarah Khan - present
- f. Sen. Sara McDonald - present

**II. Approval of Minutes**

**III. Approval of Agenda**

**IV. Gallery Comments**

**V. Old Business**

- a. Campus Lighting Initiative
  - i. University communication updates
  - ii. Begin legislation!

**VI. New Business**

**VII. Gallery Comments**

**VIII. Chair Announcements**

**VII. Adjournment ~ 6:00**

Meeting Minutes:

Sen. Khan: Received a response from the sustainability office, was directed to go to facilities

Sen. Cartwright: Received a response from facilities regarding improvements, a line of communication was established. Could also volunteer to clean up the blue lights.

C: Funding for sustainability applications will be easier to access, could potentially be accessed by CIC. Waiting to hear back from the capital projects on the use of sustainable and biodiverse lights.

Questions for facilities:

1. What would the process to create a new physical light be? This should be for both blue lights and normal lights.
2. Easier-to-access form about broken lights on existing infrastructure, is there enough staff to easily fix the existing lights? This should be the first and foremost priority of the committee. LED lights, no white lights, protection for wildlife.

Draft email to be sent:

Mr. Majeski,

Thank you for your willingness to answer some of our questions and work with us on lighting improvement. It is really appreciated! Before getting into our questions, we would like to share some background as to where we are as a committee with this project. Over the summer, our committee decided to tackle the issue of campus lighting, and our first step was to gather student input on the issue. We asked students via survey about their level of safety, if they feel lighting needs improved, and where on campus is the most affected by a lack of proper lighting. The results of this survey were heavily favored towards increasing campus lighting, and thus our committee moved forward.

Our next step was to scout the campus ourselves. Using the survey results regarding the darkest areas of campus, our committee toured campus at night to visit and document these locations on our own. Upon doing so, we came upon a realization. Most of the areas that students said were dark already had lights, but they were either broken or turned off entirely. As such, our committee is now focused on two tasks: both to add physical lights to campus, and also to make sure that existing lighting infrastructure is operational. To that end, we have a couple questions, in the hopes of gaining a better understanding of the situation.

1. What is the process for creating a new physical light on campus? Is that process the same for the creation of more blue emergency lights?
2. Does facilities staff have enough resources to be able to fix broken lights in a timely manner? As a follow up, do you often receive maintenance requests regarding broken lights? It seems that

it is rather difficult for students to find where they can report broken lights. Is this something that students themselves are able to do?

Thank you once more for taking the time to answer these questions. We are hopeful that our committee will be able to work with your department to create solutions to the campus lighting problem that will work for everyone.

Thank you,