

Council on the Physical Environment (COPE)

Annual Report for 2015-2016

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The 2015-2016 Council on the Physical Environment (COPE) began the year by receiving updates on projects that began the previous year. The committee received reports from COPE member Jennifer Evans-Cowley on the bicycle sharing program and the Comprehensive Energy Management Project (CEMP). Amy Burgess provided the group an update on the Active Shooter Training Video that ultimately was produced and distributed to the university community. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Z9zkU--FLQ>

In October the committee received updates from Beth Snoke, Director of Transportation and Traffic Management, on campus area bus service. She and her team fielded questions from the committee regarding the delineation of their duties and those of the CampusPARC.

Other updates presented to the committee included a presentation on the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The committee was able to ask questions and provide comments on the plan.

We also received an update from Amy Burgess on the campus framework plan. Again the committee was able to ask questions and provide comments on the plan.

The majority of the year was spent in discussion on the CEMP. Each month COPE received updates on the progress of the project and was able to provide comments and feedback as the project progressed. Ultimately COPE was changed to make formal comments about the project

as it pertained to HR. Formal comments were submitted to administration and the steering committee of the senate.

COPE also responded and made comments to a report provided to the senate from the United Students Against Sweatshop's concerns about the CEMP. COPE's comments were provided to the steering committee in April.

In May COPE elected the new chair for the 2016-2017 year. COPE will be led by Andrew Heckler.

COPE will continue the work begun this year on the CEMP during the 2016-2017 year. COPE members have urged senate leaders to leave as many people on the committee as possible in order to ensure continuity given the complex nature of this project.

The chair would like to thank all guests that gave their time to speak and meet with COPE members. In addition the chair would like to thank Jennifer Evans-Cowley for keeping us up-to-date each month on campus initiatives such as the CEMP. The chair would also like to acknowledge the work of Amy Burgess on the active shooter training video and for providing updates on campus projects. Thank you to all members of this committee who gave up time each month and for extra meeting times for CEMP discussions. It has been a pleasure working with each COPE member.

Respectfully Submitted
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