

**Council on the Physical Environment (COPE)  
Annual Report 2018-2019 Academic Year**

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The Council met 6 times during the year on a variety of issues picking up focus from the previous year. We heard presentations on the Campus Stormwater Plan as well as Sustainability/Open Space Audit, the committee did not issue any formal response to these reports but feel they are important and should address some issues concerns that have been outline below:

1. *Campus Stormwater Plan* We heard a report on the plan to have a campus stormwater plan developed. Certainly the need for such a plan is long overdue. We would hope to be included as the plan is developed but at the time of presentation remain concerned that the plan has some predetermined aims/approaches and lacks a focus on green-infrastructure as a component of the plan.
2. *Campus Sustainability Study* The working group visited COPE following their presentation to PPCS and informed our group of their methods and focus. The project is again well intentioned but our committee feels the effort is not being positioned well by the University and feels like a box that is being checked rather than a formative document. We would like to see the University including Campus Planning & Design put more emphasis on sustainable practices as both standard requirements as well as “leadership by design” as the largest university in the state.

*Recommendations for 2019-20 COPE agenda:* Looking ahead COPE still struggles for agenda or purpose. Since committees are NOT the source of university projects, we have found our efforts are mostly reactionary in nature. For the coming year we plan to try to author a proposal aimed at improving the attention given to and the quality of outdoor campus spaces. The Frameworks 2.0 plan is largely void of any functional outdoor space and does little to consider the walkability and/or sustainability of the OSU campus for the next generation. We'd like to see the university being a leader and an example for the state and currently it is NOT.

For the 2019-2020 year COPE will again be led by Jason Kentner.

The chair would like to thank all guests that gave their time to speak and meet with COPE members. One issue that surfaced, due to a number of turn-overs at the staff/advisor level this year's committee lacked needed connection to policy and administration staff it needs to function effectively; we hope this would be improved in the coming year. Thank you to all members of this committee who gave up time each month; I look forward to continuing our efforts in the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted,

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