

March 1, 2018

Mr. Andrew Mattson Chair, Faculty Senate SUNY Old Westbury PO Box 210 Old Westbury, NY 11568

SUBJECT: Short Environmental Assessment Form (SEAF)

Regarding the Parking Lot Project

Dear Mr. Mattson:

As Chair of the Faculty Senate and acknowledging the important voice of faculty governance concerning the activities of the State University of New York at Old Westbury, I am informing you of a comment period ending March 29, 2018, regarding the SEAF submitted by the State University Fund (SUCF) consultant M.J. Engineering, in compliance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). Please note that there was a negative or "no declaration" finding for our parking lot project which means the project was determined to have no significant adverse environmental impacts.

The completed form has been issued to NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, the Village of Old Westbury, The State University Construction Fund and the State University of New York at Old Westbury. Work on site to complete the parking lot will commence after the comment period barring any further consideration be made or resubmission of the SEAF.

As our campus grows, so is the need to expand and renovate our buildings, physical plant and parking areas. Our Office of Capital Planning is committed to planning and implementing major improvements that give us the capacity for continued growth and academic excellence. With the rapid and tremendous increase in enrollment this past year, the need to expand the number of parking spaces to meet the increased demand became obvious.

We have successfully accelerated plans to increase the number of parking spaces for the Fall 2018. Site construction work to enlarge our parking footprint is about to start. The initial phase will add at least 150 new parking spaces. Work will begin with the Student Union parking lot behind the University Police Building, which will be expanded southward in the direction of Clark Athletic Center. Scheduling of work beyond the initial phase has yet to be determined. Please note that the SEAF as submitted takes into account the entire project, not just the initial work and therefore if accepted by the agencies in receipt, will not be submitted again for each subsequent phase.

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At this time, we do not anticipate vehicular road closures, however intermittent stoppages may occur. There will be updates on this important project as it progresses which will inform of any pending impact to the daily Campus routine. We greatly appreciate your understanding for advancement in this and other work on campus and apologize for any inconvenience they may cause.

We are attaching the Short Environmental Assessment Form as submitted by M.J. Engineering and the Phased Parking Lot Project Plan for your perusal and dissemination.

The following links may also be helpful in gaining an understanding of the project.

NYS Environmental Review Act (SEQR) http://cdrpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/10052017-NYSDOS-SEQR-Basics.pdf

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation web page regarding New York State Environmental Quality Review overview, forms and process: http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/357.html

Please mail or email comments by March 29 to:

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