Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Friday April 27th, 2012
Ozawindib 10pm

Attendance: Tim Brockman, David Bahr, Erika Bailey-Johnson, Hannah Hutchins, Laurie Desiderato, Lesa Lawrence

Updates:

• Students for the Environment
  o Had transition meeting Thursday April 26th – everyone is very excited for next year
    ▪ President = Alexandra Miller (freshman – works in Sustainability Office)
    ▪ Vice President = Tom LaLond (sophomore – active on campus)
    ▪ Secretary = Joseph Glatt (freshman – works in Sustainability Office)
    ▪ Treasurer = Julie Bruns (junior – active on campus)
  o Earth Week is over and it went really great! There are some pictures on the Sustainability Office Website from the Earth Day Celebration
    o Thanks to everyone who helped with those events!

• Sustainability Office
  o Had end of the year Office Party – went bowling and had a lot of fun
    ▪ Two new workers in the office for next year
      • John Frazier (will be a senior)
      • Ariadne Donovon (will be a freshman)
  o Erika and President Hanson will be having a meeting with Senator Al Franken next Thursday regarding energy
  o Bemidji State University was put in the Princeton Review for one of the top environmental universities in the nation
  o Summer Plans
    ▪ Dylan Sievers, a student, will be full time in the office and is going to be working on the Landscape Plan and making it a part of the Masters Facilities Plan. He will also be working on the Biomass project.
    ▪ The AIRC raised garden beds will be installed
    ▪ The Low Mow Pilot Project will continue with de-weeding and planting
    ▪ Working on on-campus apple trees

Old Business:

• Student Senate Bills – there were a total of 6 bills passed through the Student Senate this year – the Sustainability Office had nothing to do with these bills, there were all student initiatives!
  o Renewable Energy Bill (biomass & solar transpired air)
  o LEED building
  o CAP
  o Landscaping Plan
  o Environmentally Responsible Chemicals
  o Zero Waste

• Meeting with President Hanson
Erika, Tom LaLond, Dacia Dauner (a child care worker – Waldorf model) met with President Hanson regarding the old high school property. They discussed using the property to create a multi-generational, sustainable community. President Hanson was very interested in the multi-generational model. This is a slow process, so we’ll see what happens next.

- Pesticide/Herbicide info
  - Next step is to maybe meet with Grounds crew

**New Business:**

- Status of Sustainable Campus Endowment
  - Currently there is $14,563.97 in the fund
  - Looking to use some money for a student scholarship – we went over some guidelines that would be in the scholarship

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**Criteria**

- Sop./Jr./Sen.
- Intend to enroll for the following academic year
- Outstanding leadership & initiation in sustainability
- GPA?
- Full time?
- Need based? – part of application- “why do you want this scholarship”

**Application**

- Define sustainability
- How have you demonstrated…?
- Need

**Protocol**

- Membership for next year/new co-convener
  - Need 3 new students – (one co-convener)
  - Have to fill other faculty/staff positions
- Re-cap of EAC accomplishments
  - We had 10 meetings this year
  - 2 letters to administration
  - Presidents Leadership Council (Sept. 15th) – CAP
  - UMACS Conference (11 students + Bill Maki + Erika)
  - Green Corp involvement – good work in the community
  - Bottle Water input – stations
  - Master Facility Plan input (Nov. 30)
- Department/Office Sharing (continue next year!)
- Sustainable Procurement Guidelines (input) – done!
- Green Fee sign input
- Climate Action Plan matrix
- Sustainable Fleet/Transportation Guidelines input
- Pesticide/Herbicide use

- Possible conferences to attend
  - AASHE (Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education)
    - October 14-17; LA California (http://conf2012.aashe.org/)
  - Bioneers Conference
    - October 19-21; San Rafael California
      (http://www.bioneers.org/conference)

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Hutchins