Environmental Advisory Committee
February 6th, 2014
1 to 2pm, Ozawindib

Attendance:
Erika Bailey-Johnson, Tim Brockman, Cynthia Floyd, Richard Marsolek, Alexandra Miller, Dylan Sievers, Trevor Smith, Jill Stackhouse

Guests:
Sara Dennison, Caroline Norelius, Pat Welle

1. Welcome
2. SFE Report (Alex)
   a. $350 in powerstrips given out to students on Friday
   b. Busy with Do It in the Dark stuff, getting emails out
   c. Local sponsor for the Great Mississippi River Clean Up
   d. Brainstormed on FAQ possibilities for Endowment
3. Sustainability Office Report (Erika)
   a. Hired three new student employees: Sarah Ambuehl, Hunter Edberg, Randall Riehl
      • John Frazier and Dylan Sievers are graduating this spring
   b. Received a CERTs grant with Marcus Grubbs of the HRDC to survey local businesses to see what their barriers are to energy efficiency and renewable energy; working with the MARS program in the business dept.
   c. Had Pete come in to lead a drumming circle for our one-year anniversary in our new space
   d. Sara, Alex, and Erika presented at the Back to Basics workshop in Pine River about all the sustainability projects happening in Bemidji; they filmed the session; also had a booth
   e. Many cool partnerships happening in the office with class and community projects
4. Can Lady (Erika)
   a. A community member takes aluminum cans out of BSU’s recycling roll-offs, gets cash for them, and donates to the food shelf
   b. Erika has spoken with the woman and she will stop if we want her to
   c. ask Bill Maki if there’s any concern with liability, etc.
5. White pine project discussion
   a. Group is meeting on Friday at 11 a.m. to discuss projects and next steps
6. Endowment Update (Rich)
   a. Sam has scholarship to put on website, FAQ on Sustainability Office webpage, all online
   b. Take off demographics so committee can look at only the project for blind review
   c. Review group will get one sheet with all the applications on it with ID linked to students
   d. Email to all students with link to the scholarship
   e. Projects due by March 17th, Recipients announced during Earth Week
7. UMACS Discussion
   a. BSU hosting the next conference in 2015
   b. ASHEE Conference in Minneapolis same year during the fall, leaning toward early to mid-June
   c. Hopefully will encourage families and wellness, Residential Life will be open for people to stay, Nice Ride, the lake...
   d. Trying to get more ND schools and Wisconsin to come over
   e. Will work with Angie Gora to coordinate logistics
   f. Get Winnipeg, Canada schools?