EAC meeting minutes 12/11/2015
Meeting called to order by Erika 11:05
Minutes recorded by Carl Isaacson
Erika brought Christmas cookies.


Report from Students for the Environment (Dan Vosberg)
Last week screened documentary “The Story of Stuff” including microbeads, water bottles and cosmetics
On Tuesday they had an end of the semester grillout
This weekend there will be a Climate March at Paul and Babe Park and 2:00
Preparing for Do-it-in-the-dark campaign next semester

Report: Sustainability Office
Holiday Party Yesterday
Highlight of the semester was the AASHE Conference

Reports from the AASHE Conference

Jordan Morgan- Most interesting topics-assessing the effectiveness of Environmental Classes in instilling environmental values in students. May look into senior project assessing the effectiveness of P & E at achieving these objectives
Looking at graduate school opportunities for life after BSU.

Randal Riehl-Most interested in seeing what other schools are doing wrt sustainability programs. Sustainability is a continuum, example of sytrofoam cup, vs biodegradable cup vs reusable cup. Other schools have more money to implement sustainability projects.

Anna Carlson- Attended strategic planning workshops to see what other groups/schools are doing.
Attended social justice and sustainability workshops and sessions on greenhouse gas inventories-total geek out.

Erika- BSU was a masters levels sponsor, which allowed BSU people more access to events and allowed 3 BSU people to get in free.
On day 1 attended workshop on Sustainability, Diversity and Equity.
Attended session on study abroad, what is the impact.
Attended session on source reduction and social norms.
Partook in post conference tour of Macalester College- since they are a smaller college their sustainability efforts have been focused on more smaller scale projects, such as moss pool filter and reduced lawn area by 55% which was replaced with native plants
BSU also had an expo booth and Erika presented the Sustainability she developed here at BSU.
Trisha- Reports that it was very cool to attend a conference, where she got to meet other people who care about the same things as she does. Attended session where a native speaker talked about integrating their values into our current lifestyle. Wants to get a green house on the BSU campus.

Caitlin-the conference was a lot to take in- mostly attended sessions on food related issues. One school has activities to reduce waste “Guess the waste,” and “Beat the waste.” Attended sessions on social marketing. Attended session on green bikes in Alaska. Grades were held until bikes are returned. Some bikes are fat tire and some have pogies (handwarmers for the bike). Attended session on identity and mental health walk

Brian- attended one day, save time for other topics.

Dan Attended sessions on Farm and Garden- vegetable production. One school has 2 acre vegetable farm with a ten year crop rotation.

**Presidential Search Committee**

Question is: how do we ensure that the next President of BSU is open and engaged in environmental issues?

**Background information:**
First meeting will be applicant screening meeting on 12/15/15, with a second screening meeting 1/12/16

Members of the committee most likely to be sympathetic to bringing environmental topics up during the search: student: KayLee Schoonmaker, Rita Albretch, Dave Engle, Marsha Driscoll, Toni Treuer, and Dave Engle (not on list).

Others search committee members who may also be sympathetic: Linda Wolf, Christopher Haley, Colleen Greer and Karen Snorek.

The ultimate decision will be made by the Chancellor and the MNSCU board.

Proposed tack: approach members of the search committee (see list above and Erika’s previous email) and present the case for why environmental issues should be openly discussed during the interview process.

Talking points:

  Environmental Stewardship is a signature theme of BSU. What have you done in your previous positions that demonstrates your commitment to environmental stewardship.

  BSU has signed the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment (ACUPCC), there are binding targets that must be met. See the following link for more information: [http://www2.presidentsclimatecommitment.org/html/commitment.php](http://www2.presidentsclimatecommitment.org/html/commitment.php) What have you done at your previous positions to help combat climate change.

  BSU is a signatory to the Talloires Declaration, which is a commitment to Environmental Sustainability in higher education. See the following link for more detail: [http://www.ulsf.org/programs_talloires_td.html](http://www.ulsf.org/programs_talloires_td.html) What have you done in your previous positions to promote sustainability in higher education?
Proposed future steps: to get more visibility and weight on our side we may draft a letter demonstrating BSU’s history of Environmental Stewardship and environmental commitments and circulate this letter as widely as possible to get signatures. This should put environmental issues on the radar of the chancellor and MNSCU board.

We may want to write op-eds to get our message out (Pioneer Journal).

Meeting adjourned at 12:15