

Environmental Advisory Committee meeting minutes from 12/13/04

In attendance:

Karen Branden  
Tessa Haagenson  
Bill Maki  
Wendy Larson  
Lois Jenkins  
Kyle Crocker  
Rich Marsolek  
Steve Spigarelli  
Pat Welle  
Jeff Sande  
Katie Halvorson

The minutes are provided on Rich's website.

Bill talked with the executive council about the Talloires Declaration.

1-legal implications-no issues

2- what other institutions have done:

Macalester College-no discussions, no implementations, never trickled down to the rest of the campus.

EAC wants campus wide endorsement and to come up with a plan to improve and check the status of the Declaration. Facilities can report the accomplishment each year.

Kyle suggested to make recommendations or goals for future, promote values and cultural sustainability.

Pat stated that BSU is beyond what Macalester is doing. BSU has the EAC and the campus community can do better. Central themes should be used such as environmental stewardship. BSU should work with facilities to have estimated measures of success such as compliance with the Kyoto Protocol.

Another meeting will take place to establish the goals and to prioritize them.

Aramark food service was brought up. There was discussion that a representative should attend the meetings to discuss food waste production and what is in their contract.

A question was brought up regarding the signing on how to create a culture for sustainability. Some ways to create this was through education, invite members of the community to the signing and put an article in Horizons. Action from other bargaining units could be used to help spread the word of the signing. It was also mentioned that Quistgaard could mention the Talloires Declaration in the BSU news.

A yearly celebration of the signing and to mark the accomplishments of the campus regarding the environment could take place.

The honors class could make a presentation to help draw attention to the signing.

Bill Maki will take care of the invitation due to lack of EAC funds. Some people to consider inviting:

Frank Moe  
Brita Saylor  
City Council  
Elders from Leech Lake and Red Lake  
Lee Cook  
MNSCU  
DNR  
Beltrami County Board  
Carrie Ruud  
Rod Skoe

Background information about the Talloires Declaration should be included in the invitation to let people know what it is.

Endowment:

\$10000 (is the goal) @ 3% interest would create \$300 scholarship per year. This amount would be separated from the foundation pool to not take away from that. Donation commitments should be made and possibly a fake check created to show the amount donated.

Sarah Hayden a graduate student would like to become part of EAC.

Bill stated he has no problems with the Declaration but wants to make sure that there is progress after the signing.

Wind energy should become a commitment on campus.

Recycling on campus could be better than the 25% that is required by congress.

Wendy brought up the idea of a campus naturalist. A grad or undergrad student could hold the position. Davis College has a naturalist-Berry Lopez?

The date and time of the Talloires Declaration signing was discussed. Possible early February instead of in January to better prepare and to create more awareness.

The next EAC meeting will be set up to establish the time frame of the event and possible speakers for the signing.

Students for the Environment would like to create a mandatory fee to all students to help pay for wind energy on campus.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 13 or 14 at 11:00 or 12:00 in the union.

Karen will send Bill a list of people to invite. Tessa will send Bill a summary of the signing.

Belinda Lindell from Purchasing and Procurement should be invited to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm