

Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes of 9 Sept 2005

Present: Will Backe, Erika Bailey-Johnson, Donald Cloutman, Kyle Crocker, Tessa Haagenon, Lois Jenkins, Wendy Larson, Rich Marsolek, Jessica Schaum, Steven Spigarelli, Patrick Welle

Wendy Larson and Erika Bailey-Johnson, Co-Chairs, convening

#Chair's greeting, presentation of agenda, and individual introductions of members/attendees

#Meeting time: Larson indicates twice monthly meetings necessary, but question of what day and time? Everyone should submit personal schedules to Wendy via e-mail.

Tentatively – Fridays at noon, place TBA. Next meeting 23 September.

Agreement that periodic meetings with V-P Maki, at our regular time or another, would be advantageous.

#Membership: review of present faculty complement (vacancies in SNS & At-Large positions); discussion of ex-officio and staff positions not regularly attending; review of student complement (one rep needed from SfE).

#Students' (SfE) Report: Tailwinds project is being carried forward on experimental basis; present AY purchase of blocks amounting to 61600 KWH / month with funding from student fees. Discussion about promotional campaign with Ottetail support (ca \$1000). Agreed as agenda focus (and guest from Ottetail) at the next meeting.

#Question of where the original, signed and framed copy of the Talloires Declaration ought to be placed . . . discussion: probably HMU (rather than a dusty corner of Deputy) and perhaps to be part of a future 'environmental education center' (a display case could be set up strictly for environmental info and plaques, perhaps near the Outdoor Program Center). K. O'Brien will be contacted for the feasibility of creating such a designated space.

Suggestions for areas to work on this year:

-- Renovation of and addition to Sattgast Hall (design for sustainability); planning funds have been received (reported by Steve S.).

-- RFP for food service contract (wording pertaining to waste reduction) (reported by Rich M.) (Tessa provided URL <http://www.bemidjistate.edu/diningrfp/>)

-- Waste reduction and energy conservation in the dorms, in part through better training of RAs.

-- Purchasing of more supplies with recycled content. The state statute will be reviewed for exact language ("should" or "must"?).

-- Establishment of email account for EAC to, in part, solicit from the campus community observations of waste on campus (Erika B.-J.).

-- Help promote Tessa's NWF work within the Bemidji community, at first by contacting Al Nohner's office regarding contact with the Pioneer.

Respectfully submitted (with help from Wendy Larson)

Kyle R. Crocker