

## Environmental Advisory Committee

Minutes for April 20, 2006

Present: Rich Marsolek, Dave Bahr, Kyle Crocker, Pat Welle, Anna Carlson, Tessa Haagenson.

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

1. Informed about the rebate BSU is receiving from Tailwinds program
  - a. 40% cheaper blocks of wind energy—rebate amounting to approx \$5,000
  - b. Where should money go? Where exactly did the money come from in the first place?
    - i. Possible contribution to the Sustainable Campus Endowment (\$3000 needed to mature)
    - ii. Provide opportunity to purchase more blocks of wind energy
    - iii. need to figure out who is ultimately involved with decision.
  - c. Kyle made a motion:  
‘Within financial consideration we recommend the option of using the rebate money to make the sustainable campus endowment whole. For the future we increase the 100kw blocks given the nearly 40% rate reduction’.  
\*Dave Bahr second the motion and it passed unanimously (7 supported)
  - d. Best to go through Student Senate: Tessa will write up a motion for bill to get passed through by the end of the semester.
  - e. We need to track the check coming in so it doesn’t get lost in the mix
2. Erika brought up the Benjamin Cummings Scholarship Opportunity for \$5,000
  - a. Sustainable Solutions Award Deadline June 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - b. Pursue it as the EAC otherwise apply through CESS? We need to find out who can nominate
3. Tessa gave SFE update:
  - a. They have the Garbage Display in the Union for Earth Week.
  - b. Lakeshore Clean-up set for Friday
  - c. Saturday activities needs volunteers from 10-4
  - d. Their main focus is bringing in people, low attendance lately
  - e. Video on Global warming Saturday at noon.
  - f. Desire for a BSU Conference on Global Warming next year
4. Campus Ecology Teleconference next Thursday at 1pm.
  - a. Wendy emailed to check the status of our membership.
5. Possible Goals
  - a. Rain sensors on irrigation system for water conservation
  - b. UNC intentional planting program: native planting/tree protection
  - c. Hobson forest: certification with DNR
  - d. Transportation: Carpool permits for parking (Duke example)
  - e. Sustainability Coordinator Responsibilities

\*Ask Bill Maki about Specificity of Goals

- f. Tessa added a goal: Green Fee for Students
    - Rich suggested carving out green fee from existing fees
    - what would the fee be used for?
    - Students should know what they are paying for
    - Anna suggested green fee replacing wind energy fee if wind energy is to be absorbed by administration.
  - g. Added Goal: Promote the interest of students to implement Green Fees
  - h. Board Members: Look what is under the 6 month column and come up with a few goals to focus on. Choose 2 to focus on personally.
  - i. Tessa will explore outside funding.
  - j. Discussion of Tessa and Anna possible TAs for People and the Environment next fall.
6. Check out the Northern Student: Will wrote an editorial on Earth Tips and Earth Day activities.
7. Kyle discussed his desire to remain an active board member despite a possible sabbatical next fall.

Respectfully submitted by Anna Carlson