

Environmental Advisory Committee
November 9th, 2011
10am

Attendance:

David Bahr, Erika Bailey-Johnson, Geoff Boeder, Tim Brockman, Hannah Hutchins, Jon Lembrick, Rich Marsolek, Ashley Phoenix, Pat Welle

Topics:

- Approved minutes from previous meetings
- SFE report
 - Coming down to last couple meetings of the semester
 - Showing FRESH documentary November 21st
 - Working on purchased water education and policy
 - Rich suggested changing it from “bottled” water to “purchased” water
- Sustainability Office update
 - Emailed Commuter Survey this week to everyone at BSU
 - Information will be used for projects
 - Please take the survey and remind others to as well!
 - Solar Transpired Air feasibility study will be happening next week
 - Waste Audit complete
 - Look for updated information on the Sustainability Office website
 - Vermiculture (worm composting) project in Walnut Hall
 - Erika looking into getting Prius for Faculty/Staff to use as fleet vehicle
- Biomass Feasibility Study
 - Erika established that Maple Hall is not a site option, there’s no point in discussing that location further
 - EAC discussed an example statement for support of the feasibility study
 - We discussed and confirmed that names of specific individuals should not be used when referring to the project in the statement
 - We’ve come up with: “The Environmental Advisory Committee supports and encourages a proposal to commence a Biomass Feasibility Study at Bemidji State University.”
 - Please email your ideas to Erika about the statement and project in general, along with your vote of whether or not you’re in support of the statement
 - Tim mentioned using Marketing Assistance and Research Solutions (MARS) and other case studies to compare projects
- Review of 2006 Goals
 - We reviewed and updated the goals set for the EAC back in March of 2006. Many of the goals were accomplished or are on-going.
 - *A copy of the goals matrix will be sent to members via e-mail.*
- Master’s Facilities Plan
 - Meeting next Wednesday (November 16th) at 3pm in Ozawindib (*time has since changed to November 30th at 1:00 in Crying Wolf*)
 - The Master’s Facilities Plan is the Universities overall plan for the management and development of facilities
 - The current plan has been around for 5 years
 - If you have the time, please review the current plan, particularly Section 4. *A link to the plan on the BSU web site has been emailed to all EAC members*
 - Look for things EAC can have an input on
 - There are 12 master plan goals, something to consider
 - There are 3 questions to answer which have been emailed to all EAC members
 - They want individual responses
- Discussed LEED certification
 - What does EAC think of LEED?

Respectfully submitted,
Hannah Hutchins