

Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Friday April 27th, 2012
Ozawindib 10pm

Attendance: Tim Brockman, David Bahr, Erika Bailey-Johnson, Hannah Hutchins, Laurie Desiderato, Lesa Lawrence

Updates:

- Students for the Environment
 - Had transition meeting Thursday April 26th – everyone is very excited for next year
 - President = Alexandra Miller (freshman – works in Sustainability Office)
 - Vice President = Tom LaLond (sophomore – active on campus)
 - Secretary = Joseph Glatt (freshman – works in Sustainability Office)
 - Treasurer = Julie Bruns (junior – active on campus)
 - Earth Week is over and it went really great! There are some pictures on the Sustainability Office Website from the Earth Day Celebration
 - Thanks to everyone who helped with those events!
- Sustainability Office
 - Had end of the year Office Party – went bowling and had a lot of fun
 - Two new workers in the office for next year
 - John Frazier (will be a senior)
 - Ariadne Donovan (will be a freshman)
 - Erika and President Hanson will be having a meeting with Senator Al Franken next Thursday regarding energy
 - Bemidji State University was put in the Princeton Review for one of the top environmental universities in the nation
 - Summer Plans
 - Dylan Sievers, a student, will be full time in the office and is going to be working on the Landscape Plan and making it a part of the Masters Facilities Plan. He will also be working on the Biomass project.
 - The AIRC raised garden beds will be installed
 - The Low Mow Pilot Project will continue with de-weeding and planting
 - Working on on-campus apple trees

Old Business:

- Student Senate Bills – there were a total of 6 bills passed through the Student Senate this year – the Sustainability Office had nothing to do with these bills, there were all student initiatives!
 - Renewable Energy Bill (biomass & solar transpired air)
 - LEED building
 - CAP
 - Landscaping Plan
 - Environmentally Responsible Chemicals
 - Zero Waste
- Meeting with President Hanson

- Erika, Tom LaLond, Dacia Dauner (a child care worker – Waldorf model) met with President Hanson regarding the old high school property. They discussed using the property to create a multi-generational, sustainable community. President Hanson was very interested in the multi-generational model. This is a slow process, so we'll see what happens next.
- Pesticide/Herbicide info
 - Next step is to maybe meet with Grounds crew

New Business:

- Status of Sustainable Campus Endowment
 - Currently there is \$14, 563.97 in the fund
 - Looking to use some money for a student scholarship – we went over some guidelines that would be in the scholarship

Sustainability Scholarship

Name

Timeline – submit by April 1st

Criteria

- Sop./Jr./Sen.
- Intend to enroll for the following academic year
- Outstanding leadership & initiation in sustainability
- GPA?
- Full time?
- Need based? – part of application- “why do you want this scholarship”

Application

- Define sustainability
- How have you demonstrated...?
- Need

Protocol

- Membership for next year/new co-convener
 - Need 3 new students – (one co-convener)
 - Have to fill other faculty/staff positions
- Re-cap of EAC accomplishments
 - We had 10 meetings this year
 - 2 letters to administration
 - Presidents Leadership Council (Sept. 15th) – CAP
 - UMACS Conference (11 students + Bill Maki + Erika)
 - Green Corp involvement – good work in the community
 - Bottle Water input – stations
 - Master Facility Plan input (Nov. 30)

- Department/Office Sharing (continue next year!)
- Sustainable Procurement Guidelines (input) – done!
- Green Fee sign input
- Climate Action Plan matrix
- Sustainable Fleet/Transportation Guidelines input
- Pesticide/Herbicide use
- Possible conferences to attend
 - AASHE (Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education)
 - October 14-17; LA California (<http://conf2012.aashe.org/>)
 - Bioneers Conference
 - October 19-21; San Rafael California (<http://www.bioneers.org/conference>)

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Hutchins