

Environmental Advisory Committee

March 28th, 2012

2-3pm, Ozawindib

Attendance:

Erika Bailey-Johnson, Laurie Desiderato, Hannah Hutchins, Lesa Lawrence, Rich Marsolek, Lacie Noehring, Ashley Phoenix, Dylan Sievers

Guests:

Brett Cease, John Utley

Updates:

Students for the Environment

- Maple Hall is the 2012 Do It in the Dark Winner!
 - Celebration party is held on April 11th from 7-8pm in Maple Hall Lounge
 - Thanks to ARAMARK for donating cake and Res. Life for giving a \$300 prize
- Earth Week
 - Check out posters for information
 - NOTE: for the Stride Into Spring event, those who enter the race will be put into a drawing for FREE STEGER MUKLUKS!! You can either run or walk it. Interested? Sign up in Rec. Center

Sustainability Office

- J. Drake Hamilton is starting off the 2012 Earth Week Celebrations with a couple speaking times. Come and listen at these times and locations:
 - Monday April 9th – Rail River Folk School – 5:30 to 7:30pm
 - Tuesday April 10th – HS 100 – 8am OR 2pm

Bemidji is hosting renowned clean energy scientist J. Drake Hamilton, who will be speaking about Minnesota's clean energy path, the policies that have spurred our progress, and the next steps to moving beyond fossil fuels. J.'s areas of oversight include scientific analysis, policy development, and advocacy of clean energy solutions to global warming that will maximize economic opportunities for the Midwest. She frequently appears on MPR, in the Star Tribune, and now Bemidji!

- Sustainability in the Curriculum conference – put on by Erika and Ana Davis from North Hennepin Community College – March 29th – 31st
 - MnSCU Faculty invited
- Student Scholarship & Creative Achievement Celebration
 - Come and listen to the Sustainability Office panel from 1-2:20 in HS 107 – listen to what the Green Fee is being used for
- Successful Hand Sewing Traditional Skills Workshop on March 27th
- Campus Garden plot agreements now available
 - Anyone can sign up for a plot (16 set aside for students, 8 for faculty/staff, 4 for community)
 - After April 20th, left over plots open to all
- With request from a previous EAC meeting, the language on the “Partly funded by the Green Fee” signs will say “This sign contains 20% post-consumer recycled material” instead of saying LEED certified
- Anna Carlson, BSU alum and Bemidji native, is in the Sustainability Office currently working on her dissertation. Stop in a say Hi!

Old Business:

- Solar Transpired Air – statement of support: “The Environmental Advisory Committee supports and

encourages the implementation of solar transpired air at Bemidji State University.”

- Respond with agree or disagree by April 6th

New Business:

- Sustainable Fleet Guidelines
 - Dylan Sievers presented on his work toward the Sustainable Fleet Guidelines document
 - The EAC commented and made suggestions on document
- Sustainable Procurement Guidelines are done!

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Hutchins