

Environmental Advisory Committee

Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Ozawindib 10am

Attendance: Erika Bailey-Johnson, Tim Brockman, Laurie Desiderato, Lisa Lawrence, Alex Miller, Lacie Noehring, Chinwuba Okafor, Caitlyn Schuchhardt, Dylan Sievers, Dave Souba, Jill Stackhouse, Skyler Vold

Minutes:

1. Overview of EAC and website ([http://www.bemidjistate.edu/sustainability/involvement/clubs\\_committees/eac/](http://www.bemidjistate.edu/sustainability/involvement/clubs_committees/eac/)) and last year's projects
  - We had 10 meetings last year
  - 2 letters to administration (solar transpired air and biomass)
  - Presidents Leadership Council (Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>) – 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
  - Carry-Over Project: Sustainable Campus Endowment
2. SFE Update
  - a. Halfway to Earth Day Celebration, Bird Feeders
3. Sustainability Office Update
  - a. Campus garden was full
  - b. Low Mow Project was difficult (dirt that was brought in had too many weed seeds)
  - c. Solar Transpired Air: have funding for two buildings, aiming for three total
  - d. Laurel House to be a "Green Model", working with NTC
  - e. Campus Sustainability Day and ideas that were voted for (will be seeking EAC input in the future)
4. Co-Conveners will be voted for via email (one student and one non-student)
5. AASHE Conference, both Dylan Sievers and Erika attended the national Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education conference held in Los Angeles, CA from October 14 – 17.
  - a. Dylan: Habitat for Humanity Eco-Village, EPA Renewable Energy, Luther College Wind Turbine, and Ride Share Program, Tree Inventory, Reusable Mug Incentive
  - b. Erika: Focused on curriculum for some of the sessions, also went to an interesting presentation on digesters which could be a good opportunity to reduce waste here, also attended one day of the Bioneers Conference in San Rafael, CA, Epic2020.org-Watch!
6. Tree Inventory: Use GIS and record what we have on campus before we start planting
7. Old BHS property, Green solutions, this is slowly moving forward, but we need to pay attention
8. Next Meeting: Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 am in Ozawindib

Respectfully submitted,

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