

Environmental Advisory Committee

Monday, December 10, 2012

Ozawindib 10am

Attendance: Erika Bailey-Johnson, Laurie Desiderato, Lesa Lawrence, Rich Marsolek, Caitlyn Schuchhardt, Jill Stackhouse, Jon Utley

Minutes

1. SFE Update
  - a. T-shirts are in the process of being printed. Luke Holden, who works in the screen printing studio, is helping print them for free. Soy-based ink is being used as an environmentally friendly alternative to the standard ink.
  - b. The movie "End of the Line" is being shown Tuesday, December 11 at 7:00pm in Hagg-Sauer 100.
2. Sustainability Office Update
  - a. Traditional Skills Workshops
    - i. Last week was the "Homemade Jewelry Making" workshop on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 5:30 pm; workshop was at full capacity (about 15 attendees)
    - ii. Any suggestions for future workshop ideas?
      1. Paddle-making in the spring
      2. Some people have expressed interest in candle-making
  - b. Real-time Energy Dashboard
    - i. This is moving forward; Erika will be working on it more over the holiday break
    - ii. Ready to begin the contract process; would be installed a few months after that is completed
3. Faculty Vote on People and the Environment
  - a. Last Monday, faculty voted on options for Category 10
  - b. Faculty voted on having option between a one-credit Sustainability course paired with a companion course OR the People and the Environment course
4. Academic Affairs session
  - a. Erika attended last Tuesday; was concerned about the focus on China and the mixed messages on BSU's priorities (i.e. previous messages about there being no funding for People and the Environment course, yet there is funding for partnership with China)
  - b. Thoughts from EAC members:
    - i. The school is perhaps trying to think about engagement—China is a major polluter but this partnership could create dialogue/forum about environmental issues
    - ii. School thinking it could be a way to increase enrollment
    - iii. Sustainability could still be incorporated into this program; has the potential to create dialogue and shape the minds of students in China
  - c. EAC's role
    - i. We should be reminding the Provost about the school's carbon neutrality goal; since carbon footprint is not on their mind, they could use nudges from EAC
    - ii. Because of high turnover rate in leadership roles, EAC should be providing regular input, attending their meetings, etc.
  - d. EAC members agreed it would be a good idea to present at the President's Leadership Council in the near future
5. Progress Report Update
  - a. ACUPCC

- i. Includes Annual GHG Emissions Report; bi-annual Climate Action Plan; and Progress Report
  - ii. Erika would like feedback on the “Steps to Carbon Neutrality” portion of the Progress Report
    1. Emissions from Scope 1 (burned on campus), Scope 2 (burned elsewhere, used here), Scope 3 (commuting, travel, broad category of stuff)
    2. Goal: Total Scope 1, 2, 3 reduced 2% by 2015 (baseline of 2010)
    3. Goal: Total Scope 1, 2, 3 reduced 10% by 2021 (baseline of 2011)
    4. Goal: Air travel emissions reduced 10% by 2020 (baseline of 2010)
6. Sustainable Campus Endowment
- a. Chinwuba looked into this and was told that it was set up for “research” based usage; the foundation was confused as to why EAC wants it used for scholarships
  - b. Category can be changed; will look into this more
7. Re-Rev System
- a. Currently not working; staff sent to fix it is unfamiliar with system
  - b. Worked for 3 months before issues began
8. Possible updates for next meeting:
- a. GreenCorps Update
  - b. Biomass update
  - c. Vermiculture system
  - d. Laurel House

Next Meeting is to be determined. A Doodle will be sent out for next semester’s schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

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