

Environmental Advisory Committee
February 8th, 2013
11 am to Noon, North Conference Room

Attendance:

Erika Bailey-Johnson, Lesa Lawrence, Rich Marsolek, Alex Miller, Lacie Noehring, Ashley Phoenix, Dylan Sievers, Skylar Vold

Guests:

Wendy Larson, Brandon VanTassel, Caitlyn Schuchhardt, Pat Welle

1. SFE Report- Alex
 - a. SFE is busy with Do It In the Dark, which is their annual energy savings competition designed to change the habits of students living in the dorms. DIITD coincides with Campus Conservation Nationals, a national competition between college campuses.
2. Sustainability Office Report
 - a. **Grand Opening!** The office held their grand opening on Jan. 30th. There was a drumming circle and live music. A cross country ski package and a bike were among some of the prizes given away to students.
 - b. New projects
 - i. **Zip Cars:** the zip car is a rental program for students to use cars to help them get around the community. The cost ranges from 6-10 dollars an hour.
 - ii. **Artificial Turf:** The University is looking into replacing the football field with artificial turf, and we are looking into the advantages/disadvantages of the turf.
 - iii. **Heated Sidewalks:** the University already has a couple of spots where the sidewalks are heated, but the office is pushing to get more heated sidewalks as they replace old ones. Heated sidewalks are more efficient in that the university doesn't have to salt, sand and plow the sidewalks as often, if at all. Heated sidewalks would also be much safer and would promote biking and walking year-round.
 - iv. **Orientation Options:** Every year during orientation weekend, the Orientation Committee provides new students and their parents with bottled water. The office is looking into a less impactful way of providing water to students and their parents during this weekend.
 - c. Project updates
 - i. **Real Time Energy Dashboards:** The contracts are signed and ready to be shipped! There will be 3 dashboards: one by the Sustainability Office, one by Admissions in Deputy Hall, and one in Linden Hall.
 - ii. **Solar Transpired Air:** The first building will be the Lower Hobson Union.
 - iii. **Laurel House:** This will be a NTC building project with Ottertail Power Company and Hunt Utilities as possible partners. The Laurel House will be handicap accessible and house four honors students. The hope is to start the building project in the fall of 2013.
 - iv. **Campus Conservation Nationals:** The competition starts Feb. 12th and goes to March 5th. You can check out the amazing dashboard here: <http://buildingdashboard.net/bemidjistate/#/bemidjistate/>
 - v. **CERTs 2013 Conference:** four workers along with Erika will be going to St. Cloud for the conference held Feb. 20th and 21st. We look forward to coming back with exciting new ideas!

3. Erika and Dylan also presented to the EAC to share what they will be presenting to the President's Leadership Council on Feb. 14th. The current CAP and carbon footprint information is the focus. If you have further questions/comments feel free to let them know!

Respectfully submitted,
Alexandra Miller