

Environmental Advisory Committee
Feb. 22nd, 2013
11am to Noon, North Conference Room

Attendance:

Erika Bailey-Johnson, Laurie Desiderato, Lesa Lawrence, Rich Marsolek, Ashley Phoenix, Dylan Sievers, Dave Souba, Jill Stackhouse, Skylar Vold

Guest:

Caitlyn Schuchhardt

Erika called the meeting to discuss the possibility of creating a new position in the Sustainability Office. The budget for the Green Fee needed to be finalized by Feb. 24th to present to SAFAC. Bill Maki advised Erika to take her position completely out of the Green Fee (it had been funding 25% of the Sustainability Coordinator position for the past three years). If a new position was created, it could potentially be funded using 50% of the Green Fee (which is how the current position was created).

Erika discussed the projects she is currently working on. She also discussed what this potential new position could focus on.

What Erika Currently Does:

- Manages Green Fee
- BSU/ NTC
- Supervise ~ 12 student workers
 - recycling, vermiculture, marketing, data entry, research, events, blog, manage FreeStore, carbon footprint
- ACUPCC/CAP/Carbon footprint
- EAC Co-Convener
- Supervise Green Corp
- RREAL Board Chair
- P & E advocate and instructor
- Sustainability Minor *
- Sustainability Across the Curriculum Workshops with North Hennepin Community College
- Biomass*
- Solar Transpired Air*
- Real time energy dashboards*
- Laurel House
- Campus gardens
- Website *
- Traditional Skills workshops
- UMACS/CERTS
- Community Outreach
- Landscaping

*means Erika's priorities that she wishes she had more time for

Potential Projects for a new position:

- Sustainability Floor in the Residence Halls

- Real-time energy dashboard integration (especially in Linden)
- Competitions in residence halls
- Vermiculture in Walnut
- Laurel House
- STAR Rental program
- Orientation
- Bikes
- Food

Should the office have an additional coordinator?

Some options:

- Graduate Assistant
- More Student Workers
- Interns
- part-time with Leadership center
- part-time with Residential Life

Ultimately, EAC members think that a new, full time Sustainability Office staff is the best option to shoot for and advise Erika to suggest funding 50% of the position with the Green Fee.