

Environmental Advisory Committee

April 26th, 2013

11am to Noon, Ozawindib

Attendance:

Dave Bahr, Erika Bailey-Johnson, Laurie Desiderato, Lesa Lawrence, Alexandra Miller, Chinwuba Okafor, Ashley Phoenix, Jill Stackhouse, Skylar Vold

Guests:

Patrick Welle

1. Students for the Environment Report (Alex)
 - a. SFE received several awards at the Student Organization Award Banquet, congratulations!
 - i. Outstanding Student Organization, Honorable Mention
 - ii. Outstanding Program Award, Earth Week, Honorable Mention
 - iii. Outstanding Advisor, Erika Bailey-Johnson, Honorable Mention
 - b. Lakeshore clean-up went well
 - c. Minnesota Food Charter event coming up on Monday, April 29th
2. Sustainability Office Report (Erika)
 - a. SFE put in an incredible amount of work to pull off another fantastic Earth Week...GREAT WORK!
 - b. Still trying to secure funding for new staff position in the office. Trying to find an office to partner to fund ¼ of the position.
 - c. Erika is part of a faculty group that received a grant to evaluate People and the Environment.
 - d. Office staff update: Emmy Ahrens will be graduating, Joseph Glatt will be transferring to UND; Alex Miller, Dylan Sievers, and John Frazier will be working in the office over the summer.
3. Sustainable Campus Endowment discussed; a committee formed that would plan a student fellowship with the endowment funds; Pat Welle, Chinwuba Okafor, and Erika agreed to be a part of the committee
4. Award program update; a committee formed that will plan this for the spring; Laurie Desiderato, Chinwuba Okafor, and Erika agreed to work on this committee
5. Summary of the Year for the EAC:
 - a. held 10 meetings
 - b. Dylan and Erika attended the AASHE Conference in Los Angeles and shared what they learned with the group; Dylan presented on our campus garden
 - c. Met with LHB to provide input for the campus master landscape plan
 - d. Provided input for a potential Sustainability Minor
 - e. Planned the use of funds in the Sustainable Campus Endowment
 - f. Determined the goals of the ACUPCC Progress Report
 - i. reduction of 2% total emissions by 2015 (2010 baseline)
 - ii. reduction of 10% total emissions by 2021 (2011 baseline)
 - iii. reduction of 10% air travel emissions by 2020 (2010 baseline)
 - g. Updated the Climate Action Plan matrix
 - h. Provided input for the Master Academic Plan
 - i. Presented the Climate Action Plan and Progress Report to the President's Leadership Council (Feb. 14th)

- j. Provided a memo of support to administration for the creation of a new position in the Sustainability Office
 - k. Alex, Ashley, John, Dylan, Caitlyn, and Erika attended the CERTs conference in St. Cloud and shared the information learned
 - l. Organized a presentation from Thomas Sonnleitner, Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services at the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh
 - m. EAC members assisted at Earth Week events
 - n. Started planning an Awards Program for people who have made big changes in steering our university in a green direction
6. Have a great summer!