

Environmental Advisory Committee

January 23rd, 2014

1 to 2pm, Ozawindib

Attendance:

Dave Bahr, Erika Bailey-Johnson, Dana Danielson, Laurie Desiderato, Cynthia Floyd, Lesa Lawrence, Richard Marsolek, Alexandra Miller, Dave Souba, Jill Stackhouse, Skylar Vold

Guests:

Jim Barta, Sara Dennison, Caroline Norelius, Jim Pulium, Pat Welle

1. Welcome
2. Students for the Environment report (Alex)
 - Meetings this semester at 5:00pm on Fridays
 - Do It in the Dark starting Feb. 1st, competition between residence halls
 - Earth Week, planning on getting more groups involved
 - Climate summit conference, several members going to a conference in St. Paul
 - Working with ReStore on a fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity
3. Sustainability Office report (Erika)
 - Sustainability Office Staff update: position description is done for a ½ time position, next off to MnSCU and HR
 - Real time energy dashboard should be complete soon, Deputy and Hobson needed to have meters upgraded over the winter break
 - New project started with Goodwill and the Food Shelf; we pick up Goodwill's excess items (that they would otherwise dumpster) and bring them to the campus FreeStore; whatever can't fit gets de-stickered and goes to the FoodShelf for their customers
 - Sustainability Minor is in the final stages of drafting; will be housed in the Environmental Studies Department
 - Sustainability Celebration was a huge success; celebrated community sustainability projects, especially our Minnesota GreenStep Cities Step 2 designation on Sat, Jan. 18th, at Brigid's
 - Commuter Survey is out, please encourage those in your area to take it
4. Printing update (Laurie)
 - Laurie's class didn't find much impact from info tips, etc., to reduce printing
 - Mindful Mondays will be focused on printing issues
 - Limit printing next fall to 500 pages per semester for students
 - As of Jan 1st all faculty will be charged per page (this needs to be communicated)
5. White Pine update (Erika)
 - FacStaff sent out for more ideas; have five main ideas so far
6. Biomass update (Erika)
 - Next Generation Grant \$145,000 to do next phase of the project, what would it actually look like, logistics-will know in the next couple of months if we got funding
 - Working with Evergreen Energy

- Will send final report to EAC
7. Endowment update (Rich)
- Sustainable Campus Endowment established in 2005, fund projects for students; EAC is the coordinator of the endowment
 - Partnership with Ottertail for Renewable Energy (they supported a good chunk of the funds)
 - Fund has been growing and is now large enough to give portion to students
 - A subcommittee is in the process of developing criteria
 - Goal to have ready in Feb, applications due March 1, first award given out during Earth Week
 - Web-based electronic submission, housed on the Sustainability Office webpage
8. GBAJPB Internship (Alex)
- Alex is working with Mayana Rice on a Live Local campaign, working 15 hours a week for the City
9. Sustainability Model (Erika)
- Erika will be submitting an article for a Sustainability Journal on our sustainability model:



- Needs help defining projects that would fit in the “wellness/economics” intersection and the “wellness/social” intersection