

Environmental Advisory Committee
December 4th, 2014
11:00am to Noon, Ozawindib

Attendance:

Dave Bahr, Erika Bailey-Johnson, Anna Carlson, Dana Danielson, Nina Johnson, Richard Marsolek, Alexandra Miller, Jennifer Miner (ARAMARK), Sue Rickers, Dan Vosberg

Guest:

Sara Dennison

1. Welcome
2. Students for the Environment Report (Alex)
 - a. Dan Vosberg is the new Students for the Environment representative
 - b. Camping trip weekend before Thanksgiving was a success
 - c. Anna Carlson spoke about starting a divestment campaign on campus
3. Sustainability Office Report (Erika)
 - a. Fish House: ordered, looking for someone to do tongue and groove for wood
 - b. Farmer's Market: partnered with Living Well, Working Well committee, Students for the Environment, and the Sustainability Office to pay for room rental.
 - c. UMACS Conference update: Call for proposals will begin next week, David Abazs will be one of our speakers, will be contacting new schools to come to this conference
 - d. AASHE: National conference in October will be held in Minneapolis. BSU will be a gold-level sponsor, includes free student summits, free registrations, our name in media and other materials, possible tour
 - e. Laurel House: Erika, Marsha Driscoll, and two Honors students that are design majors helped picked out colors for the flooring, tile, paint color, etc.
 - f. Student Affairs Committee: Erika and Anna met with the committee that is working on a Green Fee survey
4. ACUPCC Progress report (Erika and Anna)
 - a. American Colleges and Universities President's Climate Commitment, progress report due in January of 2015
 - b. Increased our total emissions by 2.7% from 2010
 - c. Our purchased electricity decreased by 7.5%
 - d. On campus stationary, solid waste, directly financed outsourced travel all increased significantly, our goal was to have a 2% reduction by 2015. We unfortunately increased by 2.7%. (important to keep in mind that these numbers are not reflecting the campus population, building square footage, or outdoor temperature)
 - e. Wanted an air emissions reduction of 10% reduction by 2020. We are currently at 18% reduction as of 2014.
 - f. Goals to keep in mind: 2% reduction in emissions by 2015, 10% reduction in emissions by 2020, and carbon neutral by 2050. We will be keeping these goals for upcoming years.
 - g. Anna will look into "emissions per square foot" data
5. Strategic Plan/STARS (Anna)
 - a. Strategic Plan goal areas: Reduce our Carbon Footprint, Model Stewardship of Land and Water, and Motivate, Educate, and Outreach on Sustainability Issues.
 - b. STARS (Sustainability Tracking and Rating Systems) is a more in-depth version of our strategic plan, and assigns a rating for our school. 6 other schools in Minnesota have already joined STARS.
 - c. Will try to integrate strategic plan in with STARS
6. Revolving Fund (Anna)
 - a. Save for next meeting.