

# Environmental Advisory Committee

February 6th, 2014

1 to 2pm, Ozawindib

## Attendance:

Erika Bailey-Johnson, Tim Brockman, Cynthia Floyd, Richard Marsolek, Alexandra Miller, Dylan Sievers, Trevor Smith, Jill Stackhouse

## Guests:

Sara Dennison, Caroline Norelius, Pat Welle

1. Welcome
2. SFE Report (Alex)
  - a. \$350 in powerstrips given out to students on Friday
  - b. Busy with Do It in the Dark stuff, getting emails out
  - c. Local sponsor for the Great Mississippi River Clean Up
  - d. Brainstormed on FAQ possibilities for Endowment
3. Sustainability Office Report (Erika)
  - a. Hired three new student employees: Sarah Ambuehl, Hunter Edberg, Randall Riehl
    - John Frazier and Dylan Sievers are graduating this spring
  - b. Received a CERTs grant with Marcus Grubbs of the HRDC to survey local businesses to see what their barriers are to energy efficiency and renewable energy ; working with the MARS program in the business dept.
  - c. Had Pete come in to lead a drumming circle for our one-year anniversary in our new space
  - d. Sara, Alex, and Erika presented at the Back to Basics workshop in Pine River about all the sustainability projects happening in Bemidji; they filmed the session; also had a booth
  - e. Many cool partnerships happening in the office with class and community projects
4. Can Lady (Erika)
  - a. A community member takes aluminum cans out of BSU's recycling roll-offs , gets cash for them, and donates to the food shelf
  - b. Erika has spoken with the woman and she will stop if we want her to
  - c. ask Bill Maki if there's any concern with liability, etc.
5. White pine project discussion
  - a. Group is meeting on Friday at 11 a.m. to discuss projects and next steps
6. Endowment Update (Rich)
  - a. Sam has scholarship to put on website, FAQ on Sustainability Office webpage, all online
  - b. Take off demographics so committee can look at only the project for blind review
  - c. Review group will get one sheet with all the applications on it with ID linked to students
  - d. Email to all students with link to the scholarship
  - e. Projects due by March 17<sup>th</sup>, Recipients announced during Earth Week
7. UMACS Discussion
  - a. BSU hosting the next conference in 2015
  - b. ASHEE Conference in Minneapolis same year during the fall, leaning toward early to mid-June
  - c. Hopefully will encourage families and wellness, Residential Life will be open for people to stay, Nice Ride, the lake...
  - d. Trying to get more ND schools and Wisconsin to come over
  - e. Will work with Angie Gora to coordinate logistics
  - f. Get Winnipeg, Canada schools?