

Environmental Advisory Committee
February 9th, 2015
Ozawindib – 3pm

Attendance:

Erika Bailey-Johnson, Brian Brown, Anna Carlson, Lesa Lawrence, Alexandra Miller, Jennifer Miner

Guests:

Mikaela Boyd

1. Students for the Environment report (Alex)
 - The Do It in the Dark Competition started February 1st
 - Earth Month starts in April! Many plans going already and looking to partner with other organizations on campus. Talk with Jordan Morgan or Alex Miller for more details.
 - Documentary Thursdays every other Thursday.
 - Vehicles out on the Lakeside Lawn to promote electric/hybrid cars.(Brian MNECC)
2. Sustainability Office report (Erika)
 - Bottled water bill- big statement that has been 6 years in the making!
 - UMACS Steering Committee meeting
 - i. Lots of logistics and ideas brainstormed
 - MPR Broadcast on Climate Change
 - i. February 24th 2-3:15pm HS100
3. Bottled Water Policy (Alex)
 - Bill passed unanimously on Feb. 4th, but still needs to be approved by administration.
 - Write a memo to administration in support of SB15-05
 - i. Address concerns from cabinet meeting.
 - ii. Next Cabinet Meeting 10 am Feb. 19th in the Crying Wolf Room
 - For more information on this bill, refer to last meeting's notes.
4. Transportation Discussion (Erika):
 - Zip Car: Car-share program at campuses around the nation. We've been considering this program for a few years. A key card gets sent to you when you become a member, insurance, gas car, and car keys are included in the car. \$1500 per car per month would be needed to keep this program going if BSU would purchase this program. Possibly getting the community involved to meet these quotas.
 - Ride Share Board: Ride Shark is an online program to find out where you can get a ride and carpool, but you have to pay. Offer a free alternative for students?
 - Outdoor Hockey Rink/Garden: This would take the place of the tennis courts.
 - Wellness piece- it's a walking problem, not a parking problem.
 - Administration is looking at divided parking permits into commuter and residential parking.
 - i. Additional lot instead of tennis courts. VP Maki and McCarthy brought this idea up. Parking Study was done in 2011.
 - ii. One general lot, no parking for events, need revenue, others were listed for problems needed for the additional parking lot.
 - Sustainability Office is working on finding out how many parking spots are open in Oak Hall.

Next meeting: *Monday, Feb. 23rd, at 3:00pm in Ozawindib*

Respectfully submitted,
Alexandra Miller