Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting 2/26/19 North Conference Room

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1. Transitioning EAC service to 3 year terms (from the present 2 year terms)
   1. This would align EAC service with other BSUFA committees
   2. Lainie Hiller requested this change

* Need to change the bylaws for the Faculty Members (IFO Request)
* Need to ask other Unions about their policies
* Jordan will clarify and submit a vote by email

1. Increase of the Green Fee from $7.50 to $10.00
   1. Intent to support Bucky’s Bikes program, possibly through hiring half-time coordinator
   2. Erika and Jordan presented to Student Senate on Feb 6th
   3. Erika met with Jesse Grant, who is also supportive

* We currently have \_\_\_\_ bikes and recently received \_\_\_\_\_additional.
* We inherited the Nice Ride Program after OPC ended the rental process
* If we were to raise the fee it were to be a .5 FTE position (Bike Manager)
* Partnering with the City and County to fill the other .5 FTE Community Bike Share
* Jeremiah thinks we could get 5 more years out of the bikes
* EBJ referred to the Bicycle Friendly University
* Carl suggested using the justification should be
* EBJ had a meeting with Jesse Grant since oversees Student Fees – As long as the fees don’t increase (in aggregate) above \*2%\*
* Last Fall maybe
* EA suggested getting use data (how many bikes we rent)
* We give 10 bikes to OPC every summer for their use.
* We gave 15 bikes to the Lake Bemidji State Park
  + We are still maintaining the bikes in the community
* EBJ indicated a failed partnership with the OPC for coordinating
* Is there potential that would ever get cut back – asked Paul?
* Anna asked about the future of the Sustainability Project Manager position being full time based on the Sustainability Director’s salary is .5 FTE grant funded for 3 years.
* EBJ has been looking at $ spent on Director Salary shouldn’t be taken out of the Green Fee and would recommend administration supporting that position so that the savings could be used to finance student – based positions like the Bike Coordinator.
* Erika and Jordan will be presenting this Thursday and finding out in March regarding decisions.

1. Signing the Climate Commitment (NOT the Resilience Commitment)

* Student Senate passed a bill that didn’t get to the Presidents desk last year
* We’ve asked the President to Sign by Earth Day (revamped student Senate Bill)
* Could have the President sign at Feast of Green – Maybe the Arts of the Earth Festival special time
  + EA suggested to think of Branding and perhaps thinks that Feast of Green might be less “branded”
  + Emily suggested
  + Jordan thought hosting a listening session at the Arts of the Earth Festival
* Anna mentioned
  1. Conversation with Pres. Hensrud (Feb 19th) leads us to believe she intends to sign
     1. She will share news with bargaining units first
     2. May sign at Feast of Green or Arts of the Earth Festival
  2. EAC would oversee the campus-community task force by identifying/appointing representative members
* Task Force might be a ***subcommittee*** of the EAC and add folks from the County, HRDC, City, Tribal Community Partners
* EBJ has participated in GBAJPB Comprehensive Planning, and BSU’s Emergency Preparedness Planning, Tribal Nations (Vulnerability Assessments being done in Leech Lake) GreenStep Tribal Nations
* How do we
* This year we have to establish the Subcommittee – Community Partners
  1. Timeline of resilience planning process:
     1. First 2 mos. – identify campus/community task force
     2. Within 1 year – establish task force process for conducting resilience/vulnerability assessment
     3. Within 2 years – conduct resilience/vulnerability assessment
  2. Potential campus-community task force members
     1. City of Bemidji representative – Jaimon ???
     2. Beltrami County representative –
     3. GreenStep Tribal Nations liasons –
* HRDC has GreenCorps member working on Vulnerability Assessment
  + 1. …

1. Climate Action Plan
   1. We are nearing its 10 year mark (2010) and need to consider re-assessing
   2. Ever-Green Energy opportunity

* Applied for a grant with Ever-Green. Didn’t get it…should we wait for another round? Should we seek out other resources?
* We were #4 out of Top 3
* Evergreen Energy (out of the Twin Cities) did our Biomass Feasibility – EBJ kept in touch with Michael -

1. Sustainable Campus Research and Community Engagement Award
   1. The application link is live and ready for applicants – how have we encouraged students in years past?

* Due on March 19th
  + 1. Fac\_staff encouraging faculty/staff to encourage students
    2. Posters
    3. Facebook post on BSU Sustainability Office page

1. Students for the Environment Update

Who?

* 1. Do It In The Dark
  2. Tabled during Dining Times – signed a pledge with contact info – SFE sent email updates. Reward will be After Spring Break
  3. Earth Month events
  4. Documentary Nights for 4 Mondays (1,8,15, 29) Titles to Be Announced. 22nd Earth Day – Loop the Lake on Bikes
* 2 clean ups on the 14th Lakeshore and the 19th is Hiway
* Sponsor an event at AoTEF
* Energy Efficiency – AIRC at 6pm Thursday
* Winter Biking 101
* 7 weeks of wellness