**January 10, 2020**

Attendees: Allen Bedford, George McConnel\*, Carl Isaacson, Alyssa Hauser\*, Ben Ng, Jordan Lutz, Erika Bailey-Johnson, Thomas Dirth\*, Matthew Sauser

(\*Voting members)

Meeting convenes: 2:04

*New business:*

*Filling vacant student co-convener position – Alyssa Hauser*

*- Not enough voting members present for vote, items warranting vote will be voted on in email*

*-Jordan discusses student co-convener empty position which will be one of the things needed moving forward*

*Introductions*

*Potential recipients for the 2020 Amik Award*

*-Jordan plants the seed for ideas for Amik award, add that it can be given to anyone, not just a BSU Alumna*

*- Erika: sub committee often used for nomination process*

*- Jordan will add subcommittee to email*

*Help spread the word: applications are open for the 2020* [*Sustainable Campus Research and Community Engagement Award*](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bemidjistate.edu%2Foffices%2Fsustainability%2Fengagement%2Fgrants-awards%2Fsustainable-campus-research-award%2F%3Fpreview_id%3D90%26preview_nonce%3D5ca713e2fb%26preview%3Dtrue&data=02%7C01%7CJordan.Lutz%40bemidjistate.edu%7C4a19e22adda74f5d299e08d78d541a5f%7C5011c7c60ab446ab9ef4fae74a921a7f%7C0%7C0%7C637133264662634102&sdata=6CMab295oAwSblldEORw9v2v9Rz2QnBaNrULEu5Tdjc%3D&reserved=0)

*-EAC identifies recipients, broadened in the Past few years to include community engagement*

*- George asks if it is for all students, the application has specific guidelines for who can apply*

*Availability of winter bike parking on the academic side of campus*

*-Jordan explains the request of a certain student for winter bike parking on the academic side of campus, plans to meet with head grounds keeper to identify a process or commitment to keeping racks clear.*

*- Carl says good luck, is not positive about grounds being receptive to the idea*

*- Thomas asks about possibility for rack that is not on the grounds but on a building so there is less space needed to clear*

*-Jordan touches on working with tad students possibly designing and fabricating a covered bike shelter, also the possibility to use already existing overhang to create hanging bike space*

*Supporting Student Senate in their efforts to reduce single-use plastics*

*-Matthew Sauser discusses how students have been discussing the use of single use plastics, and how though we spent money on the Elkay stations we are still selling bottles. Students have brought to his attention that they would like to revisit the water bottle ban from years past. Unofficially discussed and would like to through it to the sustainability office to make it go through a referendum. It would be a yes/no/abstain on the spring ballet.*

*-Mathew mentions the use of “to go” containers on campus that are not actually being used as to go, and are being eaten in the dining hall/lakeside or close spaces on campus*

*-Allen wonders if there is a solution to “why the plastics exist in the first place” notes on how there was a plastic insulated container on his desk.*

*-Alyssa mentions how there is a base for reusable container distribution on campus that can be built upon*

*-Jordan explains that through the sustainability office giveaway process, the water bottle ban stems*

*-Thomas wonders if an obstacle is more of a “did I remember my water bottle” instead of a “do I have a water bottle”*

*-Erika is hesitant because of the concern over the PFC’s in the city tap water*

*-Carl explains the issues with the wells*

*-George wonders about working with Aramark to have them price water higher*

*-Matthew explains that they would wait for the spring vote before they approach Aramark about the issue*

*-Allen comments that maybe bottles should be more available in other offices on campus*

*Old business:*

*Reviewing response to EV Charging Station memo*

*Sent to Karen Snorek on Wednesday, December 4th, 2019*

*Feedback verbally this morning (Fri. Jan 10th) – Considerations:*

*Signage of some sort to be installed after the spring thaw. Type of signage to be determined so as not to impede snow removal.*

*Karen feels a time limit should be instated to prevent an EV owner from monopolizing a spot for a full day. She suggested a 2-hour period.*

*-Jordan discusses the need for new EV signage to not impede plowing, and that Karen feels that there should be a time limit for car charging on campus*

*-Erika comments on how that because we are a smaller campus those that own EV vehicles are good at switching the chargers, would argue against the limit*

*-George also argues against the limit*

*-Thomas asks what happens If there is more people with EV cars*

*-Jordan says that if we get more cars the idea should be another charging station, not a time implement. We should return to the topic and discuss where the capacity is for one charging station, and how many EVs would implement a need for another charging station.*

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*2:50*

*Discussing draft memo to President Hensrud regarding the EAC's role*

*Vote pending…*

-*Jordan asks for questions or concerns on the EAC role memo*

*-Allen gives his suggestions on the three actions, wondering if action three is already spoken for through actions one and two*

*-Allen asks for wording on act 2 to be changed from “approved” to “reviewed and commented on”, is worried about getting push back on the use of the work approved*

*-Jordan asks if the work change will still change the point in which EAC is contacted about issues, George confirms that it will*

*-Allen adds that if we are doing one and two, act three is not needed*

*-Thomas adds that there should be an implication of EAC being able to initiate, not just review other projects*

*-according to bylaws, EAC seems to be able to take initiative and make recommendations, Thomas wants to know if this is written in the memo to Pres.*

*-add possibly shared fundamental values on environmental stewardship, using language often used by internal school processes*

*-Jordan comments on centralized leadership vs decentralized responsibility, being the main purpose for act 3*

*-Allen adds that environmental stewardship is in BSU’s mission statement, so continuing to focus attention on the mission and strategic plan may work better than calling it into question in act 3.*

*-George asks for a way for BSU community to reach out to EAC, such as main meeting times, submission box, etc.*

*2:45*

*Discussing draft memo encouraging purchase of an EV fleet option*

*According to Travis, the 2009 Prius currently at NTC has not been used in a couple months and is buried under snow.*

*Travis will look into what approvals will be necessary to have it cleared out and transferred to BSU.*

*-Jordan explains the usage of NTC Prius, his discussions with Travis about what would need to be done to transfer vehicle to BSU*

*-Thomas expresses the discontent for the treatment over the Prius at NTC, wonders why the vehicles are not just being kept at BSU and having NTC staff come here to get it*

*-George wants to give a go-ahead on the memo while still working to use the Prius*

*-Jordan says we will be continuing to refine the memo and sending it on*

*-Erika asks if the EV will be able for student org use, Jordan confirms that that seems like the current idea*

*Scheduling a consistent meeting time for spring semester – please bring your spring semester schedule!*

*Doodle poll… MTWThF – 1:00-4:00pm or Thursday – any time*

*Additional ideas (at the end of the meeting)…*

Meeting Adjourn: 3:17

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Quorum (“…a majority of voting member positions which are filled.”)

Dan Alosso

Brian Hiller

Thomas Dirth

Anna Carlson

*Alyssa Hauser*

Mia Haugan

George McConnell

Brian Udenberg

Erika Adams

With nine voting positions currently filled, quorum is set at five voting members.

*If we vote Alyssa to co-convener, voting positions drop to eight – quorum then becomes five voting members.*