**October 28, 2020**

*Attendees:* Jordan Lutz, Anna Carlson, Lorial Roballo, Thomas Dirth, Madeline Turnquist, Dana Danielson, Alex Goehring, George McConnell, David DeSario, Erika Bailey-Johnson

**AASHE Global Conference on Sustainability in Higher Education**

Feedback thus far? Access to recordings remains until Nov. 22nd, but participants must be registered by Sunday, Nov. 1st

* Anna had her students from 4 different classes (118 students total!) engaging in a variety of sessions and keynotes. A few key take aways she heard from the reflections were –
  + experiential opportunities for freshman at University of California Irvine who came to campus for a 3 day retreat prior to Fall Semester introducing students to sustainable living and what the university is doing with regards for sustainability. They even had a sustainability project manager that worked for university housing. This is similar to a conversation she’s heard in the CSS about a Place Based experiential retreat for students regarding similar issues. Something to consider?
  + Importance of including social justice and inclusion into sustainability work
* Anna listened to the recording of Robin Wall-Kimmerer’s keynote and was REMARKABLY impressed with the whole thing! Erika’s introduction was beautiful and powerful as well as the conversation that followed the presentation. The critical importance of integrating different ways of knowing and honoring Indigenous Knowledge and culture…. so many relevant themes to our Sustainability work at BSU. Please tune into this and other content as you are able!

MinnState’s contract process limited the institutional benefit (ie. advertising). How can we address this issue to enable future opportunities?

* Start the contract approval process as soon as possible.
* Use MinnState’s internal contract forms, if possible.
* Insurance Liability as an issue? $200,000 for an online conference?
* Ron Beckstrom should look over contracts ahead of time.
* Timing is tricky with confirmation with funding from Academic Affairs– then to move forward with contract – not much more we could have done
* Share historical documentation of the process from the Minneapolis AASHE conference & feedback from the University of Minnesota with administration – request Emergency Procedure for Short-Notice Contract Ratification
* Anna, Jordan and Erika will follow up with Dana regarding the contract number and vendor number to see where this got hung up and consider if/how the EAC wants to be involved in communicating with administration about this issue.

**CAP rewrite and Resiliency Planning**

Only a couple EAC members have submitted [feedback via online form](https://www.bemidjistate.edu/offices/sustainability/bemidji-resiliency-planning/) and/or [RSVP’d for Zoom feedback sessions](https://www.bemidjistate.edu/offices/sustainability/bemidji-resiliency-planning/listening-sessions/). Please do either or both soon.

* Please spread the word – students, colleagues, family members, etc.

This planning effort relates to the Strategic Plan for Sustainability. The [last plan](https://www.bemidjistate.edu/offices/sustainability/wp-content/uploads/sites/59/2015/06/Sustainability-Plan-Framework-TO-SHARE.pdf) expires in 2021, so the Sustainability Office will start conversation soon.

* Ensuring we intentionally incorporate stakeholder groups, especially in welcoming a new CDO to campus. Sustainability is bigger than recycling, energy, and waste reduction – it must include equity building, race relations, and building social cohesion.
* Anna will give the presentation that was given to the President’s Cabinet at our next meeting to outline our past processes and outcomes.
* Erika would like clarification on the role of the EAC and the Sustainability Office in this next process. Where do the planning responsibilities lie – who should be involved – etc. Anna remembered using the EAC as the body through which we jumpstarted creating subcommittees – perhaps we should consider having a planning committee made up of representatives from EAC, Sustainability Office, Administration etc?

**Proposed edits to the EAC by-laws**

Review comments made thus far.

* Seek input from President Hensrud regarding the prospect of altering the name of the EAC to reflect our current work under the Climate Commitment
* Postpone vote on proposed edits until feedback about a broader shift to the EAC’s by-laws and commission is received from Pr. Hensrud
* When a vote does occur, it will be on the whole document as “proposed amendments” as opposed to individual amendments.

**Students for the Environment (SFE) update**

Recap of member meeting held Tuesday, Oct. 27th.

[*Plastic Wars*](https://pbs.org/video/plastic-wars-preview-yv83og/) movie screening 5:00pm Wednesday, Oct. 28th - [follow this link](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwrdO6urz8tGdYGbk8CBK_0sc7ZPl9O2KNW?fbclid=IwAR12jPAHNHMJ9RdWAbfGlcu6Cqexw85QvioYuW_GDtUqqPnguSg5noPwbYM&mc_cid=f0924d8f2c&mc_eid=5544bac772) to register for the documentary screening.

Discussion led by Bonnie and Katelyn to follow (~7:00pm) via Zoom – [follow this link](https://minnstate.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYpfuGrrj8tHdDZAByS_pI8rcw0LZthr2OT?_x_zm_rtaid=ByfMU2x7Q-yF3xKy8lisMg.1603718228593.89d0e5313090928cd5c619b37f983b1f&_x_zm_rhtaid=730) to register for discussion session.

Article: [How Big Oil Misled the Public Into Believing Plastic Would Be Recycled](https://www.npr.org/2020/09/11/897692090/how-big-oil-misled-the-public-into-believing-plastic-would-be-recycled)

Article: [Reuters Reporter on the Rise of Single-use Plastic During the Pandemic](https://www.npr.org/2020/10/12/923066232/reuters-reporter-on-the-rise-of-single-use-plastic-during-the-pandemic)

**Organics recycling (composting) efforts on campus**

Since its inception (Jan. 2020), our current arrangement has diverted 4.8 tons of pre- and post-consumer food waste from Walnut Hall.

Lakeside reopening in a limited capacity may provide a unique opportunity to expand efforts during a time of lower volume.

How can the EAC support this expansion effort?

**Other Topics:**

* Shift first meeting in November to Tuesday, Nov. 10th at 1:00pm (Veteran’s Day observed Wednesday, Nov. 11th)

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

Dan Alosso

Baozhong Tian

Thomas Dirth

Ana Lopez-Aguilera

Lorial Roballo

Alex Goehring

David DeSario

Katelyn Rinicker

George McConnell

Madeline Turnquist

Maria Eastman

Brian Udenberg

Twelve (12) voting positions are currently filled - quorum is set at seven (7) voting members.

**Minutes from October 14, 2020**

Attendees: Jordan Lutz, Anna Carlson\*, Alex Goehring\*, Lorial Roballo\*, Dan Allosso\*, David DeSario\*, Madeline Turnquist\*, Maria Eastman\*, Erika Bailey-Johnson, Carl Isaacson, Andrew Miller, Dana Danielson, Thomas Dirth\*, Bonnie O’Neal\*

(\*Voting members)

**Introductions**

**Introduction to EAC Teams site**

**AASHE Global Conference on Sustainability in Higher Education** Has everyone [registered](https://www.cvent.com/events/global-conference-on-sustainability-in-higher-education/registration-7bf7c38a865c45cda33a78e0aaa2ea0b.aspx?fqp=true)?

[*Building Campus-Community Relationships and Resilience*](https://ww4.aievolution.com/ash2001/index.cfm?do=ev.viewEv&ev=2829) *– BSU perspective*

[*Collaborating for Resilience: The Power of Campus-Community Conversations*](https://ww4.aievolution.com/ash2001/index.cfm?do=ev.viewEv&ev=2679)

[*Opportunity in Disruption: Strategic Sustainability Planning During and Post COVID-19*](https://ww4.aievolution.com/ash2001/index.cfm?do=ev.viewEv&ev=3055)

[*Beyond the Ivory Walls: Community Based Sustainable Solutions for Building Local Resilience*](https://ww4.aievolution.com/ash2001/index.cfm?do=ev.viewEv&ev=2690)

We have 30 days of access to conference material. We are not sure about the ability to extend at this point. Jordan will reach out to the conference committee to see if we can extend access into the Spring semester.

Note that all presentation times are in Eastern time on the website.

Make sure you are registered – and you get a

Oct. 20th Erika will be co-presenting with Augsberg at 11:30am about the Wellness Model for Sustainability created at BSU

Oct 22th There will be a Niizhoo presentation at 11:20am – These will be semi-live with prerecorded sessions with live Q&A

Thursday October 22nd 9am Robin Wall Kimmerer Keynote – Indigenous Knowledge and Western Science integration

Thank Academic Affairs for contributing to all university access as well as Student Green Fee - SAFAC

**CAP rewrite and Resiliency Planning update**

On demand session at AASHE as well as our new Resilience Planning webpage on the BSU website.

BSU has been a Carbon Commitment Signatory since 2008 – Added a Resiliency component in 2019 – now a Climate Commitment Signatory

We are now working with a consultant with Precipitate named Elizabeth Turner. We are in the process of getting input from campus and community members about resilience in the broader Bemidji Community. We now have a [webform hosted on the Sustainability Webpage](https://www.bemidjistate.edu/offices/sustainability/commitments/bemidji-resiliency-planning/) –Planning and Commitments –Bemidji Resilience Planning. There are 5 zoom sessions scheduled in December to also gather feedback from folks in the community.

We would like members of the EAC to start RSVP’ing to the sessions as well as offering feedback in the form and helping us see if they are working properly.

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**Vote: student convener Bonnie O’Neal elected by quorum**

**Vote: non-student convener Anna Carlson elected by quorum**

**Discussion of proposed edits to the EAC by-laws**

Clarification of language pertaining to the number of voting and non-voting members (conveners are non-voting members)

Status of food service vendor representative as a voting member – This could be a different appointment per the food service vendor

Status of Northwest Technical College representative as a voting member - This could be a different appointment per NTC

Use Teams chat function to look over proposed edits to by-laws and we will revisit at our next meeting.

**Other Topics:**

Next Meeting – Does 2:00pm on the second Wednesday of the month work for everyone? (Wednesday, November 11th @ 2:00pm)

The co-conveners will put out some alternative meeting times that work for the three of us and we’ll send out a Doodle.