Environmental Committee Meeting 1/19/11

Discussion Overview

Energy meters at Memorial Library
- They have been received although not ready for check out. Once cataloged they will be available, Monika will update us on when this happens.
- We are thinking about motivating students to use them by doing an energy conservation competition of some sort. Looking for ideas from other schools that may have done this already.
- We also would like to get word out about the meters once they are cataloged. Possibly get an article in the reporter about them and place information on the green campus page.

MSU saved $1 million in energy bills. This was most likely due to the cost of natural gas lowering lately because of new collection techniques. Yay!

PBEEEP energy audit project will be very interesting. Metering will be going on throughout campus in multiple phases.
- This will be a heavy topic throughout this year. Paul Corcoran will able to keep us updated later on.

Fair Trade Efforts
- We are in support of becoming a Fair Trade University. MAFTTI will be coming to do a presentation during this semester about their mission and what it means to be Fair Trade.

Events
- Earth Day April 22nd would be a great time to bring awareness to the University.
- The library is looking for organizations to do a theme week. This includes having a display table of relative literature and gaining access to films.
- We will be looking for volunteers to participate in a panel as well.
- Fossil Fuels Day April 1st, we could do another movie.
- Also discussed participating in Professional Development Day which occurs in January.

A lot of interesting conversations came up and I think it was a good start to the semester. If anyone has specific questions about the meeting please don’t hesitate to ask.

Our next meeting will be February 16th. The room is CSU 204 and we will be there from noon until 1pm. Let me know if anyone wants something on the agenda. See you then!

Have a good one.
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