Minutes from September 21st, 2011 Meeting

- Two members from the Water Resources Center Brooke Hacker, and Susie Carlin attended the meeting.

1. Standing Committee Status

- Last semester, the committee was taken off MSSA.

- Danielle met and talked with Rick Straka, and he said the Environmental Committee is almost a standing committee on campus. We should have standing committee status now but we have not notice a distinctive change.

- There are still questions about representing the committee. Straka mentioned he would ask for the representation when he motioned the committee becoming a standing committee. He has not been in contact with us yet. As a group we decided it was Straka who should be asking for representation. We don’t think we really have the authority to do that. It may just take some time.

2. New Bike Lanes in Town

New bike lanes will be made but they have been postponed until after this winter. The snowplows will just tear them off anyways.

- River Ramble:
  
  - The largest bike ride event in Mankato. We had about 1,000 people attend and will definitely be an event the town will hold every year.

  - It happened this past Sunday, on October 9th, 2011.

3. Green Campus

- Green Fund:
  
  - The Green Fund is still in the planning stages. Advertising will be done about the Green Fund when the CSU ballroom opens in October.

  - There was discussion on if and how we would be able to use this money as a committee. We figure everything will have to be proposed to the University and we will have to gain approval from the President if we ever want to use money.

  - We talked about different sustainable projects going on around campus. We realized there is little communication about projects others are doing. We believe by communicating, projects around campus can benefit with collaborative efforts and we as a committee may be able to help with the initiation part on campus.