Environmental Committee  
May 23rd 3:00 pm  
Meeting Minutes

Attended:  Erica Johnson, Barry Wilkins, Kim Rademaker, Lou Schwartzkopf, Gary Urban, Medea Myhra, Cita Maignes (guest), Ron Fields

April minute corrections:  The correct name of the second waste firm involved in the bid is JLP.

Old Business:  
- **Green Transportation Fee:** As reported in the May 23rd Reporter. President Davenport has signed off on the green transportation fee. It will go into affect fall semester, 2012.

New Business:  
**URSI:** After review & discussion section 3 (page 37) of the URSI document it was highlighted that the Committee has within its Charter two objectives:

  “Goal 1. Create a campus culture supporting energy efficiency, resource conservation and sustainability. **Objective A.** Create a campus sustainability policy and support network. Item 2. Maintain a campus Environmental Committee. **Objective B.** Develop a three year plan to enhance a complete culture of energy conscious behavior and sustainable lifestyle. Item 2. Through the Environmental Committee, sponsor events and forums with a sustainability focus that also includes opportunities to solicit community input.”

- The Committee discussed interest in having a carbon footprint assessment performed within the next year.
- Cita Maignes (guest) inquired over the possibility of having a bike “rental” program for MSU students (tying into the sustainability directive...could it be tied into the three year plan?).
- Further discussion was had around bike, bike acquisition, distribution, etc.

**Update from Facilities Mgmt (Ron Fields):**
- The University will be switching from using oil-based chemicals used in finishing the gym floors, to water-based products.

**Action Items:**
- A motion was made to form a sub-committee that will draft a report containing a list of accomplishments of the Environmental Committee, future plans and a request for funding. The motion was seconded.

Discussion was held around the timeline to request funds. With the end of the fiscal year rapidly approaching, the report will need to be submitted to Administration as soon as possible.
- In discussion over bikes on campus, Barry volunteered to begin looking into bike feasibility. Any suggestions, websites to review, comments on the subject may be sent to him.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

EJ