Meeting began at 3:10 p.m. in WC 221 – Conference Room.


1. **Review and Approve Minutes** The September meeting minutes need one correction under Item #8. Michael Hanson (not Dakota Crow) was the person who mentioned that another student named Paige was interested in attending committee meetings. Minutes were approved as amended.

2. **Best Buy Recycling Program** Mary Nere suggested that our campus participate in this program by familiarizing students with the program. Large drop-off boxes could be provided in the residential halls and posters put up to encourage students to recycle and take their no longer used electronic equipment to Best Buy where they can turn in up to three items per student household. A list was given of the different types of electronic equipment that are accepted. Someone mentioned that “Green Tech” picks up items from campus on a daily basis but not sure what all items are included. Also, it was mentioned that the ITS department here on campus also recycles certain electronics. There was a motion made to form a sub-committee to investigate recycling services provided by Green Tech, LJP Waste and the ITS department to find out exactly what items each recycles and their current recycling processes. Motion passed and approved. Erica will send an e-mail asking for volunteers on the recycling committee.

3. **RecycleMania** This is a 10-week competition for colleges that begins on January 20, 2013 and ends on March 30, 2013. Their main goal is to increase student awareness of campus recycling and waste minimization. Several MnSCU schools participate in the competition. Registration ends Friday, January 17, at which time the Profile Survey needs to be turned in and there is no registration fee. Over the 10-week period, campuses compete in different contests to see which institution can collect the largest amount of recyclables per capita, the largest amount of total recyclables, the least amount of trash per capita, or have the highest recycling rate. This is a program that ACUUP endorses and recommends participation in. It was decided to have the recycle committee review this program. Medea will send the information link to Beth for distribution to committee members.

4. **Request for Funds** We still have not heard anything definite from the President’s cabinet on our funding. We are able to move ahead with some of the goals that do not require funding. Foremost of those goals are the Sustainability Policy and the 3-Year
plan. Lou Schwartzkopf graciously volunteered to lead a sub-committee on the Sustainability Policy. A motion was made, seconded and approved for this to begin. Erica will send an e-mail requesting volunteers for the committee.

5. Membership The updated list of committee members was reviewed. There are two openings for student members. MSSA has appointed certain students to serve on the committee. Erica has questions about “appointed” membership. She would like to have the next committee meeting include a ½-hour “closed” portion at the beginning of the meeting in order for current committee members to discuss the parameters on outside involvement.

6. Bike Committee Barry gave a report on the first meeting of the Bike Committee. A couple of concerns were brought up regarding liability. St. Olaf College uses a “Liability Waiver Form” to ensure the return of bikes. St. Ben’s suggested to “go simple and provide second-hand bikes”. If the bikes are left outside, there will be more maintenance required. Single-speed bikes were also recommended. Some schools lease bikes for an academic year and charge a fee per year. Barry shared a hand-out on the different communications received from other colleges. Feedback from the committee included connecting with Greater Mankato Growth; contracting out the service; inviting “Nice Rides” from the Cities to present their program. Some discussion followed on having students serve as “Bike Maintenance” workers. And the rental of “Bike Boxes” which are enclosures for bikes if students want one.

7. Mark Seeley Presentation Erica reported that there were approximately 250 in attendance. She received very positive feedback. The video-tape person is still editing and the final video-tape should be available soon. It will be posted on the U of M website.

8. Other * It was noted that the day of the meeting was “Campus Sustainability Day”.
* The 7th Annual Earth Conference will be November 3. A link will be sent to members.

Meeting concluded at 4:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 28, 2012, CSU 202, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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