University-wide Environmental Standing Committee

MEETING MINUTES
June 26, 2013

Present: Monika Antonelli, Scott Fee, Ron Fields, Michael Hanson, Beth Holcomb, Medea Myhra, Mary Nere, Kim Rademaker, Louis Schwartzkopf, Gary Urban, David Cowan

1. Approval of Minutes: A correction to the June 7 budget meeting minutes included adding Medea Myhra and Michael Hanson as attendees. Minutes were approved as amended.

2. Open Forum included remarks from Dave Cowan about the huge rider increase reported by the City of Mankato bus lines. There was an increase from 200,000 riders for the 2011–12 academic year to 400,000 riders for the 2012–13 academic year. The current number of bus lines will continue along with the City adding a new energy-efficient bus this year.

Michael Hanson is in the process of finding a replacement for the vacant student position. It may be better to have someone fill in temporarily until September 1 when the term expires.

3. Budget Request Finalization
   Lou and Erica will write up the report and request and try to have it completed by July 4.

   The goals and request lists were reviewed. Due to liability issues and the need for more research, the bike loan program will not be included on the funding request. Bike air stations will also not be included as alternative funding (possibly from the Green Transportation Fee) will be looked into.

   Items that will be listed as high priority will include: the Campus Sustainability Plan, AASHE Membership, and the 2014 Green Expo. Secondary priority items include: a table throw, speaker, recycling guide, conference travel, and logo design.

   Dave Cowan will contact Barnes & Noble bookstore about funding the printing and distribution of recycling guides. Medea is working with Printing Services on pricing of the recycling guides and a possible magnet.

   Under the marketing plan goals, Lou will check with Erica on the pricing estimates for interns/eco-reps. There was discussion on participating in Recycle-Mania and forming a sub-committee or having a work-study student oversee the program.

   The list of accomplishments is being worked on. If committee members have any additions to the list, they should email Lou or Erica. One suggestion was to include the tour of LJP facilities.

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4. Monica was nominated as sub-committee chair for the 2014 Green Expo.

5. Biking Sub-Committee Report: An article was shared about a Coca-Cola initiative for new bike repair stations and new bike racks at Gustavus Adolphus.
Student Activities is sponsoring an event: “Dam Bike Ride” at Rapidan Dam on July 23.

6. **Other:** The publicizing of the carbon footprint report completed by Sebesta Blomberg will wait until the start of the academic year in order to gain a wider audience on campus.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, July 24, 3:00 – 4:00 in CSU 202.

Respectfully submitted:

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