University-wide Environmental Standing Committee

MEETING MINUTES
July 24, 2013

Present: Michael Hanson, Beth Holcomb, Medea Myhra, Mary Nere, Kim Rademaker, Louis Schwartzkopf, Gary Urban, Chris Collins

1. Approval of Minutes The June 26 meeting minutes were approved.

2. Status of Report & Request for Funds The report and request were sent to Rick Straka. Gary Urban will follow-up with Erica to find out if she has heard back from Rick and to see if she can set up a meeting with him.

3. Recycling Guide A draft of the recycling guide was shared. The group discussed the possibility of putting drop boxes in the dorms for recycled cell phones. Res. Life and Environmental Health & Safety departments would need to be contacted if this were considered in order to comply with established standards and procedures.

It was suggested to include a link or QR code to the “Green Campus” website. Gary will send the graphic to Medea.

Some discussion was held about providing recycling tips to off-campus students; however, since we are under short time constraints to get the guide printed before the start of fall semester, this was tabled until we can have off-campus student reps meet with us sometime during fall semester.

Medea will work with Printing Services and their graphics designer on the layout of the guide. She’ll also check into having a magnetic strip put on the back.

4. Community Engagement Fair Kim signed us up for a table. The event will be held Wednesday, September 4, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. in Myer’s Fieldhouse. An “E-mail subcommittee” will be formed to work on the planning details. We’ll need volunteers to staff the table (committee members, students).

5. Other The committee welcomed Chris Collins, our new MSSA president. Chris and Michael Hanson will work on getting more students involved with the committee.

The new chair for the RSO “Students for Sustainability” is Rachel Emery. We’ll continue our efforts to keep connected with this group.

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It was suggested that the committee consider having a speaker on campus during fall semester. We’ll ask Erica if she would contact Mark Seeley for a speaker reference on a topic of our choice. Topics to consider: water, local foods, invasive species, lawn-care and gardening, safe chemicals. Another subcommittee will be needed to get this organized.

6. Survey Monkey Poll  
Since we don’t know the results of the poll, our next meeting will be held as regularly scheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, August 28, 3:00 – 4:00 in CSU 204 – Nichols Room

Respectfully submitted:

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**Upcoming Committee Meetings:**  
(All meetings held 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

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