Present: Monica Antonelli, Ron Fields, Michael Hanson, Beth Holcomb, Erica Johnson, Medea Myhra, Renee Pieschke, Louis Schwartzkopf, Gary Urban, Youwen Xu

1. **Approval of Minutes**: Change #4 to read “…there is some reluctance to bring our funding request before administration.” Motion was made and seconded to approve the August 28 meeting minutes as amended.

2. **Sustainability Policy**: The policy approval committee met. Recommendations were sent on a revised policy. The revised policy needs to be completed before the November 1 meeting of the policy consultation approval committee. Lou will re-format and send the revised policy.

3. **Strategic Priority Funding**: The deadline for submitting idea proposals for strategic priority funding is November 1. There was discussion about areas for which we should request funding and if we should request funding for a specific project. Erica will contact Rick Straka to get clarification on this.

4. **Logo**: Michael hasn’t heard back from the professor regarding AIGA (American Institute of Graphic Arts) aka “Professional Association for Design of Minnesota”. He will find out when the group meets again.

5. **Speaker**: Monica, Michael and Lou met and discussed bringing Deborah Swackhamer, co-Director of the U of M Water Resources Center, to speak on the Minnesota Sustainable Water Plan sometime in January or February. The committee agreed on offering her a $200 honorarium plus travel expenses. Lou will contact her to arrange a date and time for her presentation.

6. **Sustainability Expo**: The subcommittee will meet with the Transitions group on October 31 to discuss the delegation of responsibilities. The expo is scheduled for Saturday, April 5, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

7. **MN Green Corps Program**: Matt Durand forwarded info on this program and suggested involving them during the next phase of our carbon footprint. This program places AmeriCorps members with local governments, educational institutions, and non-profit organizations around Minnesota, where they will serve for 11 months on focused environmental projects. The program is coordinated by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Feedback is needed this week, so Erica will email the pdf document to committee members for review and feedback.

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8. **Bike Repair Stations**: All of the bike stations are installed and fully functional. Committee members have received positive feedback from students using the stations. Ron will contact Dave Cowan about preparing a press release along with a map of bike station locations on campus.

9. **RecycleMania**: The B&N funding is still available and not earmarked. Monthly and/or quarterly updates on recycling data are being sent to Jason McCue from LJP. Beth Holcomb will work with Jason on getting numbers entered for RecycleMania.

10. **Other**: Ideas on ways to encourage more recycling participation included: more recycling signs around campus; holding a campus-wide campaign or “by building” campaign; more uniformity in container appearances; add smaller containers for departments for co-mingled recycling. Ron will check with Jason or LJP for more updated information on single-stream recycling.

    Erica will send out an email to students who signed up at the community fair to see if we can get volunteers to help with various tasks. Committee members are asked to email their ideas of different ways students could help the committee’s work.

    Info was shared about the Center for Earth Spirituality and Rural Ministry’s 8th Annual Conference on “Climate Change: Finding Hope for a Healthy Planet” which will take place on Saturday, November 9, at Good Counsel’s conference center.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

**Next meeting**: **Wednesday, November 20, 3:00 – 4:00 in CSU 202 – Cooper Room**

Respectfully submitted:

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

- **November 20, 2013**  CSU 202 – Cooper Room
- **December 18, 2013**  CSU 202 – Cooper Room