University-wide Environmental Standing Committee

MEETING MINUTES
May 15, 2015

Present: Karen Anderson, Ron Fields, Michael Hanson, Beth Holcomb, Paul Prew, Kim Rademaker, Lou Schwartzkopf, Gary Urban, David Cowan

I. Approval of Minutes
   The meeting minutes from April 17 were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes. Motion seconded. All approved. Motion passed.

II. Old Business
   A. Climate Action Plan
      1. The writing team presented to the cabinet, and the cabinet approved the Climate Action Plan; if the Plan successfully goes through the Meet and Confer process, it will become official.
      2. Schwartzkopf sent an email to all responsible parties asking for feedback on the Plan by May 27.
      4. Schwartzkopf and Hanson will discuss ways to increase committee membership to help with the implementation of the Climate Action Plan.
      5. Can we create an on-line system whereby people can submit suggestions?
   B. Speaker
      Prew, Antonelli and Schwartzkopf will be meeting to discuss options. Prew is collaborating with various groups on campus (American Indian Studies, Social Justice Lecture Series, Common Read).
   C. Commuter Survey Drawing
      The winner did not pick up the gift card. It will be held until next year’s survey drawing. (Note: There is no expiration date on the gift card.)

III. New Business
   A. Membership
      Schwartzkopf and Hanson will meet during the summer to go over membership issues (increasing the committee membership, length of terms, staggering terms).
   B. Foundation Account
      The committee needs to come up with projects that could be funded and find a donor. A Funding and Implementation Sub-committee was established in order to discuss funding and the committee’s role in implementing the Plan. The sub-committee will include K. Anderson, P. Prew, M. Hanson, and L. Schwartzkopf. Schwartzkopf will send an email to set up the first meeting.

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• The meeting time will remain the same for now.

• Anderson’s office is in charge of the Social Justice Film Series. There will be a cleanup project and film at Sibley Park on September 12. Service involvement is welcome.

• Prew applied for a FYE class.

• If a flyer insert with information about the Environmental Committee is to be distributed to new students, it should be prepared and ready to print by mid-July.

• The Committee needs to start working on the annual “Accomplishments” list.

• The AASHE annual conference is being held in Minneapolis October 25 – 28. Registration will start in mid-May.

• An update of the carbon footprint for FY2014 needs to be done.

• Urban suggested doing a PowerPoint presentation during new student & family orientation.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Next meeting: Friday, June 19, 10:00 a.m. in SU 191 – Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted:

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