University-wide Environmental Standing Committee

Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2016

Present: Lou Schwartzkopf, Anne Stenzel, Gary Urban, Ron Fields, Robert Sorensen, Paul Prew, Monika Antonelli, Wayland Hunter, Medea Myhra and Becky Gahler

I. Meeting Minutes
   No minutes from March 18, 2016, to review.

II. Old Business
A. Sustainability Expo Report
   1. The event went well. Over 160 people attended and 27 organizations participated.
   2. An assessment was conducted and reviewed with positive reactions and comments.
   3. The Environmental Committee table conducted an informal survey of which of five sustainability actions the participants thought was highest priority for the University. The winner was “renewable energy.”

B. Recyclemania
   1. Myhra gave a final report on the Game Day Event and other competition results.
   2. Discussion was held on recycling efforts at MSU. Recycling containers aren’t very evident and not even out at some events.

C. Climate Action Plan
   1. The Climate Action Plan subcommittee will write a first –year progress report this summer. Schwartzkopf will send a template for reporting to Fields.

D. Recap of the year’s accomplishments (the point person listed by each event should write a paragraph for the report and send to Schwartzkopf by the next meeting, May 20, 2016.
   1. Recyclemania – Holcomb
   2. Showing of “This Changes Everything” – Antonelli
   3. Sustainability Expo – Antonelli
   4. Climate Action Plan – Schwartzkopf
   5. Carbon Footprint Update and Commuter Survey – Schwartzkopf
   6. George Boody Lecture – Schwartzkopf
   7. Student Recycling Team -- Holcomb
8. Campus Beautification – Gahler
10. Website and Facebook – Schwartzkopf
11. Barnes and Nobel relation – Schwartzkopf
12. Bus transit -- Schwartzkopf

III. New Business
A. Commuter Survey
   1. Urban presented some major results of this spring’s commuter survey.
   2. One item noted is that public transit options end too early in the day.
B. Committee Membership
   1. Tabled to be discussed at a later date
C. Rubbermaid Recycling Audit
   1. The Audit is free but they may want you to buy their containers.
   2. We could use more bins around campus.
   3. A motion was made by Myhra to do the Rubbermaid Audit; the motion carried by unanimous vote.
D. Recycling on Campus
   1. Deferred until summer

Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting date: May 20, 2016