Present: Karen Anderson, Robyn Ceuvorst, David Cowan, Jason McCue, Medea Myhra, Paul Prew, Erik Olson, Louis Schwartzkopf, Gary Urban

I. Meeting Minutes
Some edits were suggested. Amended minutes will be brought to next meeting for approval.

II. Proposed Organization of Meetings
Motion: Ask for subcommittee reports in the future before the meeting, so that we can look at what we are doing. In print form and send on before the next full meeting.
We should make minutes from the committee meetings as a state organization. Look before the meeting, then talk about it at the meeting if needed. (vote, questions, etc.)
Esp. issues of composting and related challenges. Karen move d and Lou seconded to have us do this

III. Photo of Committee (Postponed)
No photo this week, wait for after break

IV. Election of Co-Chairs
Ballots for voting for co-chairs. Next year, we should have someone send in if they are willing to be co-chairs. Need to take nominations at Sept meetings. Gave to Dave Cowan. Dave announced it was 6 ballots unanimous for Paul and Erik are co-chairs.

V. Environmental Committee Foundation (Fundraiser – November 15)
Fundraiser for the committee – Lou, Monika and Erik. So Chipotle (50%) or Noodles (10%) 
November 15 – 5-9 pm
Week prior handing out flyer.
Just show the flyer to get the funds.
Erik will email the form to us to share
(Only allowed to do Monday – Wednesday)
Lou is willing to sit at the table
Erik will sign up for a table on Nov 1

VI. New Initiatives/Ideas
a) Expanding Composting on Campus
Expanding composting (Paul received a request to drop off the composting from home to dining hall?)
Could we set it up to have a drop off site near the dining center?
Request from public for Composting in CSU (infrastructure not set up for it)
Erik – if done in the CSU, would need to take out daily. All recyclables in CSU could be recycled – just one more bin. For Army requires all organics to be
recycled. Signage would help. And adding the option. Jason asked where to locate it.
Broader initiative if we can get a grant to standardize the containers on campus (plus CSU and Res Life)
Do we have the infrastructure (staff to pick it up, space to put it, etc.)
Have Gustavus come over to hear about what they are doing.
GAC has a green house.
Northland college built their own composting building.
Currently taken to the Sioux community for composting.
Find an initiative state wide to support this.
11 am next Friday (10/27) to discuss this w/students
Lou tabled the topic after we have more info

b) Waste Study Report (Lou)
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Lou shared about waste report: (see document handed out)
LJP started 5 years ago with MSU, Mankato. From waste reports
Waste over all shown on fig 1 compared with total recycled.
Total recycled has fallen from 2013.
Carkoski waste to energy and dining center waste to energy comparison seen in figure 3.
Waste for years preceding 2017 much higher than prior
Amount composted each year.
Suggests we are in the wrong direction with Recycling and we are going in the right direction with food waste composting.
Share this report with James Ball and Kari. (Lou will do)
Share report at MSSA (Monika has been talking to MSSA about composting so next logical step.)
Folks on campus are bringing trash to campus. Get a handle on what is ‘our’ waste.
That may give us clues to reduce waste and focus to
Look to do a waste audit. Last done in 3 years ago.
80% was recyclable, Jason suggest.
Lou would like to see the waste reports.
Need James, Cindy and Jason to work together.
Trash audit outcomes

VII. Reports
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a) Bee Friendly Campus Subcommittee
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Nate Huettl, director of planning and construction, working on mapping of bee friendly meeting.
assessed the prairie restoration site, Randy came up with the
Taylor had group cut back invasive plants. Randy may have sprayed. Just need to keep invasive plants and woody stuff back.
We have our own storm water permit. Paul says it all goes through Facilities to be ok’ed.

b) Facilities Report
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David said electrical charging station is all set up, just need satellites, signage, connect to the cashiers, etc. could be operational before the snow flies. Tour: AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION, MINNESOTA CHAPTER TOWARDS A GREENER CAMPUS
c) **Cap Subcommittee**  
   Lou – wants to talk about updating the carbon footprint to include in the commuter survey. Gary will share that with Lou. Climate Action Plan: Paul and Karen: Jamie said he can be here on 3/20. To talk about this, Lou asked to have someone convene a meeting to put together the program.

d) **Recyclemania Subcommittee**  
   Recyclemania report: More labeling for CSU (Monica) tabling every week of recyclemania, get into the campus newsletter and CAN, and getting food item to share with students. Paul will order fair trade chocolates. Maybe get the food ahead of time. Get more volunteers to practice at pre-game day events.

e) **Bicycle Subcommittee**  
   people are still parking in the racks. David said student voted to MSSA to support bike friendly campus… they want a repair station at Sears. Handy bike rules – wellness committee has those too. Dave forgot to order them. City has to update plans to have bike lanes, etc, too. We should analyze the roads to David said to make a push to register next semester. Bike socks No word from bicycle League: our registration. No results from survey yet.

f) **Marketing Subcommittee**  
   No update

f) **Earth Day Subcommittee**  
   No update

VIII. **Announcements**  
   a) 12th annual conference, Sat 11/4 from 8:30-4 pm at Good Council. Earth Conference.

Respectfully submitted:

*Beth Rorvig*

*Future Meetings (3rd Friday each month)*

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