University-wide Environmental Standing Committee
MEETING MINUTES
April 20, 2018


Guests: Sarah Hast, Zoology Club; Richard Keir, Greater Mankato Bike Walk Advocates; Hannah Sieberg, Campus Kitchens

Olson, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. Moved and seconded to approve the 3/16/18 meeting meetings; motion passed. Prew passed around thank-you cards for committee members to sign for our speaker, Jamie Jacquart, and for Steve Ardolf, Physical Plant Chief Engineer, for his tour of the Physical Plant.

I. Reflections on Jamie Jacquart visit
Olson is pushing to get the Upper Midwest Association for Campus Sustainability (UMACS) conference here next year. A Sustainability Director (SD) position was discussed. Cowan: Pitch the need. What would the person be doing? Prew: One responsibility of a SD would be to market sustainability on campus. Anderson: Who would the supervisor be? Myrha: There is now a sustainability person at the system office. Moved and seconded that the CAP Subcommittee will draft a job description for a sustainability GA or other position; motion passed. Schwartzkopf reported that an unedited video of the Jacquart event March 20 can be viewed at the MavTube website. The audio and video are out of synch and there are errors in some subtitles. An IT Solutions supervisor has promised to correct these problems for the finished production.

II. Bee friendly campus
Hast reported that she will meet with Bruce Leivermann, the Grounds Supervisor, at the site next week. Clean mulch will be put down and plants will be ordered. Planting will take place early this summer. A grounds crew will maintain the site.

III. Recyclemania results
Myhra reported on Recyclemania results (see attachment). Prew: We’re pretty much right in the middle. Myhra: LJP did not report results for individual dorms.

IV. Bicycle Subcommittee – commuter survey / Bike Share MNSU
Urban reported for the Bicycle Subcommittee. The annual commuter survey for the carbon footprint update has gone out; April 25 is the deadline. There have been about 1000 responses so far. One student respondent, picked at random, will win a $25 Barnes and Nobel gift certificate. Cowan: Student workers will be registering bikes in front of the living centers and the University Dining Center next fall. Bike Share MNSU, Urban reporting: Bike sharing on campus is being investigated. Cowan: additional bike racks can be put in over the summer if needed. Facilities Services has a map of bike racks on campus.
V. **Earth Day**  
Olson: He’s working with Anderson on the Committee’s Earth Day event, which will be a campus clean-up, as it was last year. This year’s event will be on Saturday, April 28. There will be tee shirts, lunch, and a band at the end for volunteers.

VI. **Composting Subcommittee**  
Food collection in the CSU for composting, Schwartzkopf reporting: Monica Warner reported by email that the student government supports food collection in the CSU for composting. Mark Constantine, the CSU Director, will be taking food collection in the CSU into consideration when the CSU is expanded. Sieberg: There is a question as to whether the food waste from the University Dining Center is being accepted at the composting facility in Prior Lake, as it is transported in non-biodegradable plastic bags. Sieberg will share with the Committee the report she is doing on composting for a class when the report is completed.

V. **Other Business**  
a) **Student appointees to the Committee for next year**  
Mimi Cronin is the new student government president. The new president makes the appointments to committees at the beginning of the year. Prew: the Committee should get there first with its request so that we get people really interested in serving on the Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

**Louis Schwartzkopf**

**Future Meetings (3rd Friday each month)**

Friday, May 18th

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