

## Green Campus Initiative Meeting Minutes-November 28<sup>th</sup> 2012

**Location:** Andruss Library Schweiker room

**Time:** 1:00 PM

**Attendees:** Matt Hess, Kyle Nicholas, Mallory Poole, Matt Turzanski, Hunter Sones, Kevin Wood, Oren Helbok, Jeff Brunskill, Jennifer Whisner, John Holtzman, Jean Downing

### **Minutes:**

1. Jeff-Introductory Announcements
2. Jeff-Eco Art Contest
  - a. Chris Podeshki offered to lead this project this year
  - b. This project will offer students a chance to create an eco-based artwork
  - c. Oren offered to also showcase the art at the Moose Exchange
3. Jeff-Light Switch Covers
  - a. Sadly this project will not be done
  - b. The light switch covers were done in the past and they deteriorate over time
  - c. John suggested getting automated light switched instead
    - i. They are relatively inexpensive and also lead to more energy conservation
    - ii. We could also do automated dimmer lights in areas of the dorms that constantly are lighted such as hallways
4. Jeff-Bike Inventory
  - a. Dr. Sandra Kehoe-Forutan would like us to do an inventory of existing bike racks on campus
  - b. We also should be looking at possible new locations for bike racks
  - c. Matt and Kyle will work on this project
5. Jeff-Electric Bikes
  - a. University of Tennessee at Knoxville is offering an electric bike program
  - b. We could possibly work on writing a grant for these electric bikes
6. Jeff-Spring Semester Meetings
  - a. As of right now we tentatively are planning the biweekly meetings for Wednesday at 12PM in room 140 of the Student Service Center
7. Jeff-Climate Change Seminar
  - a. Dr. Martin Jeffries is going to give a presentation on ocean acidification
  - b. Dr. Venn is also working on getting one more speaker to talk about sea level rise
  - c. Matt-We can bring in a speaker to talk being an environmental lawyer and the cases they may go through
  - d. Matt will talk to Christine Westberg Dorn, who is an environmental lawyer, and could possibly come give a lecture at the seminar or another time in the future
  - e. We have yet to hear back from the Penn State climatologist

- f. Tim Pelton will organize the seminar by reserving rooms and making other arrangements
- 8. Matt-Facebook Page and Promo Video
  - a. The Facebook page and the promo video will be worked on over break
  - b. We are currently recording parts of the video
  - c. We will also record talks such as Dr. Hintz and Dr. Lawrence giving the introduction to the films
- 9. Jennifer-Spring Film
  - a. We could possibly show "Switching To a Smarter Energy Future"
  - b. This film is agenda free
  - c. It will show the pros and cons of fossil fuels
  - d. This film is currently being shown at Colleges and Universities across the country
  - e. We could show this film mid-February
  - f. This film will help lead into the climate change seminar
- 10. John-5 Year Energy Plan
  - a. We are working on a 5 year energy reduction plan that will eventually be shown to the president of the university
  - b. We will present it to the GCI for thoughts and comments
  - c. We will present this tentatively on January 30<sup>th</sup> 2013 to the GCI
- 11. John-Buses
  - a. We really should look into ways to reduce energy used by buses on campus
  - b. The issue we face is students push for more buses
  - c. This is something we can look to work towards with the new master plan
  - d. We can look at possibly solutions to idling too long and having too many buses run at once
  - e. We can also look at reducing the stops made on upper campus
  - f. Jeff-Stantec is going to meet with us and these things can be discussed
    - i. Also Stantec is looking to make more walking areas for local shop access and also bike routes
    - ii. The goal with this would be to reduce the demand of buses
  - g. If we get a member of the CGA to attend our meetings then we might have more input
  - h. We will contact the CGA about getting a member to attend our meetings
- 12. Oren-Off Campus Energy Savings
  - a. With the light switch project having a no-go, we could possibly look to inspire more off campus energy conservation
  - b. This would mainly apply to students living in apartments
  - c. We also should work to educate about recycling more for off campus living
  - d. We could distribute a packet to students at events like Earth Day
  - e. We could also talk to Greek life about having more recycling at their houses
    - i. One sorority recently created a designated recycling room, we could try and have other fraternities and sororities look into this

ii. We will talk to someone from Greek life about this

13. Kevin-Recycling Signs

- a. We could put up signs to inspire people to recycle
- b. I recently spotted a sign at another university sporting event that stated "Join the Recyclution"
- c. We could try to incorporate some sort of slogan like this at our events

14. Jeff-Closing Notes

- a. We will meet again in the Spring
- b. Have a nice Winter