Green Campus Initiative Meeting Minutes-October 17th 2012

Location: Student Service Center room 140

Time: 1:00 PM

Attendees: Matt Hess, Amanda Zilla, John Holtzman, Claire Lawrence, Jean Downing, Tim Pelton, Eli Tome, Kyle Nicholas, Sandra Kehoe-Forutan, Richard Cronin

Minutes:

1. Tim-Introductory Announcements
   a. We broke ground on the solar kiosk, the panels should be finished at the end of the semester
   b. The farmers market lectures are well attended, there will be one more market for the season
   c. The BU energy policy has finally been passed
   d. The Moose Exchange film series is coming along well and we are preparing for the first film on the 23rd
   e. The climate change talk is coming along. Matt and Jeff are making great strides in progress
   f. An article in The Voice was recently published, Eli Tome was interviewed and cited

2. Sandra-Bloomsburg University Master Plan
   a. Spoke of old master plan
      i. We previously implemented parts of the plan
      ii. We could not talk about green in our old plan
      iii. The plan was designed for 1% enrollment increase which put pressure on food, housing, space, and programs
      iv. The Kehr union is towards the end of its life, it is impractical
      v. Many of our buildings were placed with no planning
      vi. This raises the question of where do we place the union?
      vii. We now need a new master plan to meet our new needs, also to show where our enrollment is going
   b. New master plan
      i. There is more faith in planning at Bloomsburg University
      ii. We are now going to analyze energy and sustainability
      iii. We are working with a company called Stantec that specializes in university planning
         1. They look into the environmental and sustainability aspect
         2. They set standards, what we can do, and how we can do it
      iv. We are now leaning towards pedestrianism, we are going to build trails
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v. There is now a solar array on campus
vi. Right now they are focused on the Kehr union
vii. It takes about 1.5 years to do the plan
viii. There will be green workshops in the spring semester
c. We need to speak up about our issues
   i. There is a wider good in losing parking spaces
   ii. We have to go with it and go strong
   iii. There is a facebook group for the 2013 master plan
   iv. The firm is doing a majority of the work
   v. They are looking into lead certification but this can be expensive, we can still use their standards when renovating buildings
   vi. We find that staff and faculty are the hardest to change their opinions
   vii. We are fighting against the rural model and topography