

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