Green Campus Initiative Meeting Minutes - November 28th, 2012

Location: Andrus 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 30th 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