

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Friday, November 19th, 2021

10:30-11:50a.m.

Zoom Meeting

Armstrong Hall 113 Conference Room

- 1) 10:30-10:35am – Welcome
- 2) 10:35am – Call Meeting to Order
- 3) 10:35-10:40am – Update on Committee Membership

Appointments should come soon

- 4) 10:40-10:55am – Budget
 - a) Event soon?
 - b) Big event in the spring outdoors – people have more of a comfort level
 - i)
- 5) 10:55-11:15am – Open Discussion of Next Steps (Planning for Post-COVID)
 - a) Sustainability Certificate (Russell)
 - i) Talked to faculty for various modules
 - ii) Added field in electives – community resilience – dept of Geography suggested – cover natural hazards, planning, grants, technical assistance
 - iii) Follow up with each department to designate faculty member to teach modules
 - iv) Continuing Education Program directed to working professionals
 - v) Serve the audience, professionals and community. Want to reach nationally.
 - vi) Organized by weeks – 12 weeks of Core and 6 weeks of Electives.
 - b) Big event?
 - c) Visible Sustainability Project?
 - d) Sustainability project not otherwise covered by other budget?
 - e) Sustainability Director?
- 6) 11:15-11:20am – Other Business / Announcements
 - a) Film recycling
 - i) On hold – completed six month period – campus collected over 100lbs in Library
 - ii) Would like another group to take it over
 - iii) Drop sites at local grocery stores
 - iv) Trex – campus could sign up to do its own collection program – with certain amount can earn a bench – bench that was earned went to Echo Food Shelf
 - v) Need someone to stay on top of it, monitor, weigh, and empty/deliver when necessary
 - vi) Students at Gustavus who have done this are willing to share experiences
 - vii) Bin is still in library, but in Anne's office. Filled with clear plastic bag. About \$20 for bags.

- viii) A lot of places where it could be collected.
- ix) Student Leadership as part of their course – could be suggested next semester
- b) Kimberly Musser - Project regarding watershed and highlighting researching at Rasmussen Park
 - i) Build a repository for high school students
 - ii) A nice cross campus collaborations – broader stories about area
 - iii) Ryan Wersal may be a good contact
- c) Solar Project?
 - i) Initial Report = have in mind 1 MW system on rooftops and parking lots
 - ii) Bring in consultant to identify sites
 - iii) McKinstry was hired to look at sites – Should have a report in November
 - iv) Called Gregg Marg who called Paul Corcoran, will place any news in faculty newsletter (forward to Lou)
- d) SCCEC South Central Clean Energy Council – emphasis is clean energy
 - i) 14th is a student forum for Mankato and Gustavus students to talk about the work they have done on sustainability, what they see about the future
- e) Xeriscaping pilot study by art department, how it might cut down on costs, to expenad it to other places
- f) Sustainability Director
 - i) Found AASHE report on salaries, number of directors, and more information
 - ii) Could use in new interest for director push
 - iii) So many people who want to support these efforts
 - iv) Beth Mercer-Taylor is the UM Contact bethmt@umn.edu
Environment.umn.edu/staff/beth-mercet-taylor/
 - v) Tour guide provided a couple samples of how sustainable
 - vi) Student recruitment – potential
 - vii) Awards and know for our sustainability initiatives
- 7)
- 8) 11:20am-11:30pm – Break
- 9) 11:30-11:50pm – Sub-Committee Meetings (Optional)
 - a) Bee Friendly Campus Subcommittee
 - b) CAP Subcommittee
 - c) Marketing Subcommittee
 - d) Earth Day Subcommittee
 - e) Bicycle Subcommittee
 - f) Environmental Committee Foundation
 - g) Composting Subcommittee

**Future Meetings: 10:30a.m.- 11:50a.m.
Fourth Friday of Every Month (while in session)**