

# *Environmental Affairs and Sustainability Committee*

## *Meeting Minutes*

June 15, 2017

### **Call to Order**

David calls the meeting to order at 2:00 pm in the Sustainability Office.

Rachel, Kathryn, and Hannah take meeting minutes.

### **In Attendance**

Raghu Raghavan, Hannah Peterson, David Beversdorf, Matt Maher, Chris Wilson, Bonnie Hansen, Laura Cole, Jan Weaver, Amy Eultgen, Tony Wirkus, Paul Coleman

### **Open Issues**

Minutes approved by Matt Maher. Seconded by David Beversdorf.

1. Curriculum Subcommittee
  - a. Jan Weaver received verbal approval Env. Studies to Natural Resources, needs to email Ted Tarkow and Jim Spain to move forward
  - b. Ensure that there is point person for certificate in Natural Resources
  - c. David brought up designating courses as sustainable with “green leaf”, to flag for sustainability content
    - i. Art Jago needs to be involved in “green leaf” conversation
    - ii. Raghu mentioned that it is still under considerations
    - iii. Raghu to speak about tagging sustainability research June 28<sup>th</sup> at meeting with OSPA
    - iv. Possibility of getting “green leaf” added to myVITA for research tracking
2. LEED
  - a. Chris Wilson:
    - i. Registered School of Music
    - ii. School of Med patient-centered learning care center = successful project
    - iii. Reslife projects in process of being registered
  - b. ResLife changes
    - i. Offline buildings? Alternate purposes potentially office space
3. Paper baling project updates
  - a. Matt Maher: Resource Recovery Center site tested and has passed, cannot start baler manufacturing because waiting for construction services
  - b. Looking at several months. It may 3 to 4 months before baler is operational

- c. 15,000 a month to be saved by baling and selling paper
  - d. Working on baler grant for cardboard – get rid of dumpsters on campus
  - e. \$30-50,000 revenue and offset \$100,000 in costs
  - f. Composting?
    - i. Working with Ag?
    - ii. Working with city?
4. Celebration of teaching, Raghu
- a. Spring semester workshop, Raghu presented on sustainability in curriculum
  - b. 55 people signed up for sustainability in curriculum workshop , 25 attended
  - c. Amy comments on diversity of audience
  - d. Goal: changing at least one course they teach to include sustainability so Raghu can add to website, full day workshop next year, build campus as living and learning lab, STARS platinum: 40% of courses w/ sustainability content
5. Discussion of moving forward
- a. Thank you to Hannah
  - b. David proposes to wait until new committee is constituted for next meeting (in August)
  - c. Amy commented on receiving back results from spring semester survey
  - d. Laura would like to come up with a vision for going forward
  - e. Jan comment on clarifying role of the committee
  - f. Summer lunch with new members

### **Action Items**

Jan Weaver, send email to Ted Tarkow and Jim Spain to get Env. Studies certificate to clarify confusion  
Raghu send David email about “green leaf”

### **Motions**

### **Announcements:**

Hannah’s farewell Friday June 16<sup>th</sup>, 11:30-12:30

### **Adjournment**

David adjourns at 1:42 pm.