

Minutes  
10 Novemeber, 2011

Members present: Erin Seekamp, Justin Harrell, Matt Therrell, Bunny LeBaron, Meagan Pulliam, Paul Restivo  
Meeting called to order at 8:15 a.m.

1. Sustainability Director
  - a. Job description went to Chancellor and Kevin Bame shortly after our meeting with the Chancellor
  - b. We've had no acknowledgement of receipt of the description and are concerned about the momentum of gaining the position
  - c. Paul Restivo will inquire as to its status
2. Minutes approved

Old Business

3. New Student Member
  - a. Lori Barrow has been chosen by the selection committee (ES, PR, BL)
    - i. We had a couple really excellent candidates
    - ii. The decision was weighted largely on representation of academic units
    - iii. We have not received confirmation from the Chancellor on Lori's appointment
    - iv. JG: Consider her appointed now and move forward with that.
    - v. Erin will see Lori today and let her know the Council has selected her.
  - b. In the spring a subcommittee will put forward candidates for a new student member
  - c. We need to streamline the procedure for choosing our student members
4. Green Fund Committee
  - a. Status update
    - i. We have approximately 110, 000 in the bank
    - ii. We have received 9 emails
  - b. Funding of two REACH awards that emphasize sustainability (MT)
    - i. In speaking with \_\_\_\_ Matt learned that not all the REACH awards are given out because they lack the funds.
    - ii. It would be a one time, \$3,000 dollar commitment on our part. We could continue in the future, but are not obligated to.
    - iii. Motion to reserve \$3,000 from Green Fund toward this expenditure (ES)
    - iv. Second (MP)
    - v. Vote: Unanimous approval
5. Web Presence
  - a. It is a vital outlet of communication to the campus. What can we do to improve it?
  - b. Recruit a student who has both the technical skills and aesthetic sensibilities we need.
  - c. That person would be in touch with the VC
  - d. Erin will create a flier with Jonny
    - i. It will be sent to contacts in:
      1. Green Scholars
      2. MCMA
      3. Rob Spar in Design
      4. SPCM
      5. Eco Dawgs
      6. PRSSA
    - ii. If that does not generate a suitable candidate, Jonny and Bunny will help post it in:
      1. Comm.
      2. Quigley
      3. Student Center

- 4. Faner (Comp. Science)
  - e. We can also post things through the social media person on campus (MP)
    - i. Events, calls for proposals, facts, and tips
    - ii. We have access to class pages
    - iii. Items need to have weblinks
    - f. We're nowhere on the university website, not even the A-Z directory (MT)
      - i. When we get our webpage squared away, we'll bring this to the Chancellor's attention
- 6. Reports
  - a. Sustainability Fair
    - i. Bunny LeBaron ran the table, with help from Paul Restivo
    - ii. Lots of good connections with people
    - iii. Handed out fliers and water bottles
    - iv. The weather stymied the Green Tours, but a few people were interested
    - v. Bunny interviewed by the DE twice and local news once
      - 1. Quoted in the DE's article on the Fair
  - b. Governor's Symposium
    - i. Attended by Meagan Pulliam, Laura Williams, and Paul Restivo
      - 1. Meagan presented on the Eco Dawgs
      - 2. Laura presented on L.O.G.I.C. and generated lots of questions in her session
    - ii. We should reimburse Meagan and Laura for their expenses on the trip (PR)
      - 1. Send expenses to secretary in Geography (MT)
    - iii. Meagan learned about a pen recycling program and will look into bringing it to SIU.\
    - iv. We want to send students and faculty to this every year.
    - v. Illinois Campus Sustainability Pact presented on at the conference
      - 1. SIU mentioned in a number of points, yet we're not a part of this compact
      - 2. We need to get the Chancellor to sign us on to this
      - 3. Justin will send a copy of the compact to everyone for review and discussion at the next meetingss
      - 4. Jonny Gray will bring language for presenting this to the Chancellor
- 7. Wind Turbine
  - a. Justin Harrell will talk to Phil about the announcement that the project has been tabled
  - b. Revisit at our next meeting

#### New Business

- 8. Creating Design Guidelines for the university (PR)
  - a. There is cynicism in regard to LEED accreditation, although any building built with state funds must meet LEED silver requirements.
  - b. Part of the hesitation seems to be that the paperwork necessary for LEED accreditation will increase the bids of the contracts and designers.
    - i. Perhaps we could pay for the paperwork (MT)
  - c. Justin will talk to Scott and Phil about it and report back at next meeting.
- 9. Creating an account for donations, such as a Foundation Account
  - a. Matt T. will talk to Patti Perschbacher about creating one
- 10. SAP
  - a. contact is the Vice Chair, Erin S.
  - b. Important to have links to emails on the websites
  - c. Bunny will contact Rachel re: the SAP roster and get back to Erin
- 11. G.A. position .
  - a. Could we select a G.A. for the Sustainability Director?
    - i. Makayla is an excellent candidate and will be applying for grad school here
    - ii. We should let the Director choose his/her own G.A.

- b. We could use the G.A. position we've already committed to pave the way for the Director (MT)
  - c. The G.A. position had seemed like a bargaining chip to get the Director position (ES)
  - d. We could use a 20 hr. a week person agitating for sustainability (MT)
  - e. We would want this person to create a campus sustainability plan, set goals and timelines (MP)
  - f. Will sit on the council and will vote on most things
  - g. The position will be anchored to CEHS and have a research component
  - h. Motion to move forward with a definition and announcement of a G.R.A. position (MP)
  - i. Second (ES)
  - j. Vote: Unanimous
    - i. Bunny L. abstain
12. Future of Energy Conference (PR)
- a. Concerns about how productive it will be (JH)
  - b. Goals of conference (JH)
    - i. have a portfolio of recommendations to provide the university
    - ii. identify qualified people that we can consult
  - c. This could perhaps be run as an web-based forum (BL)
  - d. Propose we defer concept until a later date (PR)
  - e. We could model it on John A. Logan's Evening Talks
13. How is the council planning to deal with the pot of accumulated money from the wind turbine (JH)
- a. A charge to the GF committee (JG)
  - b. Certainly Physical Plant can put forward proposals (JG)
  - c. Would they have to go through the semi –annual GF application process? (JH)
  - d. What about creating a loan fund? (MT)
  - e. Lots of possible projects (JH)
    - i. study on the feasibility of biomass
    - ii. retro commissioning (low cost changes to controls and operations)
      - 1. focus on newer buildings to get them performing better
    - iii. cost of solar is coming down
  - f. Would like to see a visible project , like solar (MP)
  - g. It would be really nice to get one building that's net zero, a kind of flagship (MT)

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.