

Sustainability Council
Notes from Meeting 8.27.2013

Present: Corne Prozesky, Leslie Duram, Deb Sarvela, Eric Wilber, Chef Bill Connors, Jill Johnson, Drew Foxx, Kris Schachel, Lori Stettler

Called to order at 3:04 pm.

Corne made motion to approve agenda, Leslie seconded; motion carried.

Leslie made motion to approve May 22 and August 1 minutes, Bill seconded; motion carried.

Eric reported that in June we had fewer than 20 reports (of some 60+ projects funded), but now we are still waiting on only 10-15 that still need to be submitted. These will supply a great amount of information for our annual report. Constant communication in the future will ease the reporting requirement for all involved.

Discussion Topic meetings were planned: September 10 will focus on annual report, October 8 will likely be renewable energy possibilities, and campus recycling (Jill?) was suggested for November 5.

For online activities, please submit ideas for the "Green Reads" portion to add website content.

Eric discussed his involvement with development of renewable energy at EIU – which resulted in great decreases of energy usage and water consumption. He's gathering information from several sources on campus to explore the potential here.

Kris reported on the office move to the new space in the Student Center, and on activities during Saluki Startup and Week of Welcome – predominantly the Sustainability Pledge. She shared an update of STARS information gathering; one highlight is that SIU qualifies for all points awarded in the 'Diversity, Access, and Affordability' part of the assessment. SIU will definitely reach Bronze reporting status, and possibly even Silver. Our STARS report is due November 30.

Council reviewed and discussed the 2013-2014 Goals & Priorities (page 10 of Primer).

Officer nominations were made and approved (two faculty members and one student were absent):

Chair: Eric Wilber

Secretary: Kris Schachel – until otherwise filled

Vice Chair: Bill Connors

Treasurer: Corne Prozesky

Committee assignments were reviewed and approved.

Kris presented her activities budget request for the year, totaling \$4,150 – approved.

Sustainability Travel Awards proposal was presented, discussed, and unanimously approved.

Saluki Idea Competition funding of \$1,000 was also unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS: Kris explained the newly developed Grant Seekers Circle, led by Becky Robinson of Continuing Education – and that the first grant proposal project (sustainable agriculture education) requests support of Sustainability Council. Approved unanimously.

Adjourned at 4:23 pm. Green Fund Committee commenced immediately following.