

Environmental Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 20, 2008, Sykes 257

Attending

Tim Beshore, Matt Bigos, Ed Bruno, Ryan Budinger, Walt Cressler, Hal Dean, Gerry Hertel, Kurt Kolasinski, Paul Morgan, Harry Tiebout, Joan Welch

1. Review of website designs to choose one draft and proceed to final version.

Many suggestions were received as 11 drafts were reviewed.

The Council was generally unfavorably impressed with the efforts of IPG. The draft submitted by the Council was not followed in any detail. Instead, it is clear that IPG worked from a copy of the defunct website and based their designs on this. Hal Dean will now act as a project manager. A meeting with IPG and a smaller group (Dean, Kolasinski, Morgan, Welch) will be arranged to enhance progress.

2. Matt Bigos report on Gordon Area Project

A clean up event will be held 22 Nov at 12–2 with the aid of the Darlington Biology Club.

A report was presented on a study of litter in the Gordon Area. This very thorough report shows that most of the litter is windblown. Requests are being made for 3 new trash cans and for the installation of a windbreak at Q lot.

A version of the report suitable for posting on wcugreen.org will be created.

3. Discussion of organizational structure for WCU to implement 'Plan for Excellence' Responsiveness Transformation sub goal 7: Encourage environmental awareness through training, curricula, and co-curricula programming, assess and reduce the ecological impact of the University, and promote research and service that foster regional and global sustainability.

The Council is agreed that the University should pursue a permanent position of Sustainability Coordinator.

The question now is how do we get the support of the Administration from the top?

Models of sustainability efforts are being formulated to outline how we might proceed: Models A, B, AASHE and T. Paul Morgan is developing the details.

4. Tree Tenders

As proposed by Gerald Hertel, the EC agrees to be a sponsor of this event.

Location: Boucher Room 113

Time: 6-9 PM

Date: April 7, 14, 21

5. AASHE Conference Report

Marianne Peffall, Paul Morgan and Hal Dean attended. A very productive and inspiring conference. Should we set aside money in the future for student travel to this event? An important aspect is that it gets together faculty, students, administration and staff. One big message was the importance of having a sustainability coordinator to focus the university efforts.