

**Environmental Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Friday, February 20, at 12:30 in Sykes 210**

Attending: Ed Bruno, Hal Dean, Kurt Kolasinski, Paul Morgan, Harry Tiebout, Guest: Nick Cooney from the Humane League of Philadelphia

- Green Jobs Forum from Feb 5

A very successful event with a great turnout of about 300. Media coverage includes a story in the Daily Local News.

<http://www.dailylocal.com/articles/2009/02/07/news/srv0000004652858.txt>

- Hot, Flat, Crowded Book Talk

Impressive turnout of 50–75 on a snowy night. Quite a success.

- Website Update

Preparing for March 25 roll out.

Every member of the Council is requested to go to [www.wcugreen.org](http://www.wcugreen.org), check through the pages and the structure of the website and is invited to make comments, corrections and suggest content.

All deans contacted and all responded positively.

Should we establish some type of procedure for vetting content?

Below are listed the topics covered and the people responsible for each. Some areas clearly need some work as detailed below. KWK will contact individuals and ask them if they want to have their name included on the pages they have contributed to.

Content from Paul Morgan's honors class may be included in the future.

Topic	Person(s) Responsible for Content	Email Address
1) Environmental Council	Joan Welch / Kolasinski	<a href="mailto:jwelch@wcupa.edu">jwelch@wcupa.edu</a>
	Check brightness of main page image. It has now been lightened. New Mission Statement? Would this require Provost approval?	
2) WCU's Green Efforts	Kurt Kolasinski	<a href="mailto:kkolasinski@wcupa.edu">kkolasinski@wcupa.edu</a>
2.11 Purchasing	Marianne Peffall	<a href="mailto:MPeffall@wcupa.edu">MPeffall@wcupa.edu</a>
3) Getting Involved		
	Anybody besides KWK want to contribute to Speaker's Bureau? Update calendar	
3.1 Student Opportunities	Maggie Tripp	<a href="mailto:MTripp@wcupa.edu">MTripp@wcupa.edu</a>
3.2 Staff & Faculty Opportunities	Walt Cressler	<a href="mailto:wccressler@wcupa.edu">wccressler@wcupa.edu</a>
3.3 Community Outreach	Paul Morgan	<a href="mailto:PMORGAN@wcupa.edu">PMORGAN@wcupa.edu</a>
3.5 Media Resources	Walt Cressler	<a href="mailto:wccressler@wcupa.edu">wccressler@wcupa.edu</a>
4. Academics & Curriculum	Joan Welch / Kolasinski	<a href="mailto:jwelch@wcupa.edu">jwelch@wcupa.edu</a>
	Integrating Sustainability page is virtually blank	
5. Research & Creative Activities	Kurt Kolasinski	<a href="mailto:kkolasinski@wcupa.edu">kkolasinski@wcupa.edu</a>
	Images don't appear on Bio page No "topics" information from Bio despite requests No response at all from Geology despite requests No "topics" information from Philosophy despite requests No response at all from Physics despite requests No response at all from Political Science despite requests No response at all from Anthro & Sociology despite requests Education is in progress No "topics" information from Geog & Planning despite requests No response at all from Business despite requests	

	No response at all from Public Administration despite requests No response at all from Economics despite requests but I have added Topics More to come from Public Health	
6. Land & Buildings	Hal Dean	HDean@wcupa.edu
7. Dining & Food	Dan Burns Matt Seamon	Burns-Dan@Aramark.com seamon-matthew@aramark.com
8. Residence Life	Peter Galloway	PGalloway@wcupa.edu
9. Transportation	Hal Dean	
10. Water Conservation	Gerry Hertel	<a href="mailto:GHertel@wcupa.edu">GHertel@wcupa.edu</a>
	Our Watershed page weak	
11. Energy	Tim Lutz/Kolasinski	<a href="mailto:TLutz@wcupa.edu">TLutz@wcupa.edu</a>
12. Climate Change	Lutz/ Kolasinski	
	Land & Building page empty Transportation page empty	
13. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle	Peter Galloway Dan Burns Matt Seamon	<a href="mailto:PGalloway@wcupa.edu">PGalloway@wcupa.edu</a> Burns-Dan@Aramark.com seamon-matthew@aramark.com
	Campus Data page empty	
14. Our Bioregion	Andrew Barrett Tara Speck	AB665276@wcupa.edu TS594055@wcupa.edu
	Geography page weak Geology page weak Night Sky page empty	
Calendar of Events & News Update	All can contribute	

- Finalize details and those responsible for the Wellness Fair tables (Wednesday, March 25) Sykes Ballrooms
  1. For the Robert B. Gordon Natural Area for Environmental Studies - place to walk for exercise and stress reduction (Gerry Hertel)
  2. One for our website roll-out with a laptop available (and person with it) to share Environmental Council web page (Kurt Kolasinski)
  3. Local versus travel-weary food! (Andrew Barrett???)
  4. Cage-free West Chester – why WCU should agree to purchase eggs and chickens from cage-free production (EARTH Club)
  5. Reduce/Reuse/Recycle (Lynne Cooke and her ENG class surveys)  
Paul Morgan's honors class may contribute to one or more of the last three.
- Finalize Earth Week activities
- Sustainability Coordinator proposal  
Proposal taken to Cabinet. Darla Coffey recommended submitting a President's Initiative Proposal. This proposal has since been submitted. Get notes from Paul Morgan.
- What is Open Space?  
A new exhibit at the Chester County Historical Society titled "What is Open Space?" provides a fascinating look at county land-use patterns from the days of Penn's Woods through the present. As a promotion for the exhibit, the Chester County Historical Society is hosting a forum Saturday on the subject of future opportunities and challenges for open space in Chester County. For more of this story: <http://www.dailylocal.com/articles/2009/02/19/news/srv0000004736288.txt>
- From Joan Woolfrey: Might we be interested in joining the 100-City Tour?

**A Sense of Wonder: An Evening with Rachel Carson**

### **The 100-City Tour**

This will be shown at Villanova.

If an advocate can be found to push this at WCU, then the Council would support it.

- From Hal Dean: Developing a relationship with **Langan Engineering & Environmental Services?**

Kurt Kolasinski to follow up with a meeting with Kevin Roberts

- Paul Morgan: Finalize all the details for the Mitch Thomashow event.

Flyers made available. Everyone encouraged to attend.

- Any other business

Nick Cooney of the Humane League of Philadelphia made a presentation regarding switching to cage free eggs on campus. He had spoken previously to Andrew Barrett. The added cost would be \$4-6 per meal plan per semester. Going local costs a bit more but is available. The ARAMARK contract is up in 2010, with option for a one year extension. Students are encouraged to lend their input on this matter to the Dining Advisory Committee. Should a decision be made to follow through on this, the EC could play a role in PR to promote it.