

Environmental Council
Minutes
Friday, April 23, at 8:00 in Ruby Jones 203

Attending: Ed Bruno, Hal Dean, Joy Fritschle, Peter Galloway, Gerald Hertel, Kurt Kolasinski, Paul Morgan, Marianne Peffall, Joan Welch

- Results of the President's Initiative Grant Proposals are in. The rain garden was funded. Sustainability coordinator was not funded.
Where to go next with SC? We should try to arrange a meeting with Darla, Mixner, President Weisenstein.
Plan for meeting at May 6 EC meeting.

- Two items conveyed for report from Tim Lutz:
 - 1) Borough Council approved Phase I of BLUER's Climate Action Plan on Monday, making West Chester the first municipality in Chester Co. to have one, and one of the first in SE PA. The article in the Daily Local is riddled with errors. For May 6 meeting, Lutz give an accurate synopsis of the plan to Council with emphasis on the community outreach component. WCU & EC have a role to play, and should do so in view of the numerous students in near-campus housing.
 - 2) Students in Lutz's ESS 102 class have been doing a Lifestyle Project - learning to examine and change their own resource uses and waste production. A service-learning component is to reflect on their experiences in capsule summaries. Lutz is assembling their work, and thinks it will make excellent new content for the EC web page: students talking about their sustainability achievements in their own words. A brief preliminary version now but he will show the final product to the EC at the next meeting to generate input.

- More content to come from Paul Morgan's Honors class. Possibly also from Cooke's class.

- Website Update and social networking
 - Our server got hacked. But all has been recovered.
 - Get students to set up Facebook page. We should also consider getting on Twitter.

- Green Roof Tour held by the Delaware Nature Society this Friday, 4/24.

- The dedication of the Outdoor Classroom was held on 4/21 with Dr. Weisenstein. Dr. Weisenstein's comments were very strong. We should try to get a copy of his speech and publicize it on the web.

- Earth Week/Green April activities
 - Local media coverage = Inquirer 4/22 look for article and link to it on website.

- Green Roofs
 - Boucher - low growth
 - Green Library - accessible from second floor. Can be seen from ground.
 - Both projects may fit into the budget. Spring 2010 could be done. Rec Center may happen first.

- Villanova University hosting an international conference on sustainability April 23-26 featuring Robert F. Kennedy, Jr, Kaiulani Lee (Rachel Carson). Paul Morgan to attend. <http://www.villanova.edu/sustainability/yearofsustainability/conference/>

- PERC Meeting at Dickinson May 29
 - Need \$40 plus mileage. Hal also interested in attending with Paul Morgan and Kurt Kolasinski.

- What is going on with Swope LEED certification? How can we finish the process? Generate a letter. Get Quad to investigate.

- New student program, schedule a reception? Discuss 6 May mtg.