**Environmental Stewardship Committee - January 2017 Minutes**

**January 9, 2017**

**Attendees:**

Seth Lienard- Event and Conference Planning

Leif Anderson - Vice President & Chief Strategy Officer

Emily Schilling - Biology and Environment Studies

Christina Erickson - Facilitator and Committee Chair

Allyson Green - Campus Kitchens and Chief Sustainability Officer

Andrea Porter - Environmental Steward Fellow

Jill Davenport - Purchasing and Central Services

Karl Hahn- Environment Action Committee

**Meeting Minutes:**

1. **ESC Meeting Minutes** - Minutes will be shared with the committee and will either be edited or approved at the following meeting before posting to the ESC Website.
2. **Environmental Action Plan - Strategic Plan 2016-17**
	1. This document was put together by Mark Chamberlin as the first draft of our internal communication strategy for Augsburg College.
	2. Edits made to the document:
		1. Title: Augsburg College Environmental Stewardship

Action Plan 2016-2019

* + 1. Photos: Photos could encompass more campus and off campus activities such as the river semester, campus garden, the EAC’s new bike share, upcoming solar panels, etc.
		2. Last page: Add Jill Davenport and Karl Hahn to the last page
		3. Allyson Green and Andrea Porter will get access to and check the ESC’s email account
1. **2017 Initiatives**
	1. Christina sent out the 2017 Initiatives which are a clear visualization of where our goals and efforts for the year.
	2. After revision, Andrea will post these to the ESC Website
	3. Edits:
		1. “Ban Water Bottles”: There has been a discussion on the verbiage of this statement. The final revisions state:“Eliminate the sale, reimbursement and provision of bottled water on campus to eliminate bottle waste and use local tap water, to eliminate the waste, reduce carbon emissions, support water as a human right and not a commodity, and use already available local tap water.” This initiative brings up many questions and we need to assess the impact this will have on the campus.
			1. Current questions and concerns brought up were:

-Filling stations and water fountains near vending machines

-Can we analyze the patterns of sales of water bottles?

-Is there an alternative to water bottles that is more environmentally sustainable and healthy? (canned water or boxed water)

-We want to support local water sources, how can we create a permanent solution?

-Host a reusable water bottle vending machine made of recycled materials

-Communicate with campus community to collaborate in reaching this goal along with understanding the implications of this project (Ie. Athletics and concessions)

 3. Next steps:

1. Emily will research AASHE website for draft policy ideas
2. Jill will discuss with St. Ben’s for ideas on how they worked around these challenges
3. EAC will start to draft a policy for this initiative
4. Allyson and Seth will send this to Mark Chamberlin
5. Andrea will post the approved and revised 2017 Initiatives to the ESC Website
6. **Discussion with Staff Senate**
	1. Staff Senate would like to host an open forum to release and discuss our Environmental Action Plan and the 2017 Initiatives.
	2. This forum would allow the ESC to openly communicate with staff, faculty, and university council. After this discussion it would be advantageous to place an article in the Echo to further inform and engage students.
	3. We can work with the EAC to help to communicate and promote this to the student body.
	4. Seth will look into proposed dates this Spring 2017
7. **Other Announcements:**
	1. The “Transit Hallway” is in the process of becoming the Environmental Stewardship Hallway!
	2. Pollution Control Agency Meeting is January 31 - Advancing Climate Adaptation in Minnesota’s Colleges and Universities” – January 31, 2017, U of MN St. Paul Campus (Seth, Allyson, Jill attending - others invited)
	3. NACUBO Poster - Proposal Deadline is January 30, 2017. Poster Deadline is June 29, 2017
		1. The EAC is intrested in expanding on the poster that we currently have (designed by Elise Linna, Mary Oldham Hannemann, and Emily Schillng) <http://www.nacuboannualmeeting.org/Documents/2017-Campus-Efficiency-Posters-Submission-Info.pdf>

**Our next meeting is Monday January 23, 2017 1:30-2:30**

**Have a great week!**