ESC Meeting

June 2, 2016

Present: Emily Schilling, Seth Lienard, Jill Davenport, Allyson Green, Nick, Stewart-Bloch, Karl Hahn, Amanda Erdmann, Leif Anderson, Christina Erickson.

Agenda items in bold. Minutes in regular font.

**Review last months meeting minutes!** Christina spelled 2 names wrong, Jill will fix, minutes were approved!!

Minutes are posted on the web by Jill Davenport. Jill did an accessibility scan to assure access for all community members.

Intention of this work is to merge ESC work with University Council work. Merging the websites will need to be done at some point so that links from the University Council page will directly go to the ESC minutes pages.

**Welcome Allyson! Job description.**

We reviewed Allyson’s potential job description and offered suggestions.

Stewardship or Sustainability – decided on Stewardship

Facilitate rather than support the work of the ESC.

Tangent – what about transit?

Transit - student door, and an employee door for access to transit options for campus

Transit decision making, and transactions should be institutionalized somewhere on campus

Relationships with public transportation office is important and should be a legitimized role

Budgetary implications require knowledge, tracking, and ability to make transactions

We do want data collection to measure changes in transit behaviors

We want to celebrate the benchmarks for met goals but not implement the efforts to meet them

There should be a permanent transit officer, office, committee, on campus to implement this work.

Tangent: ACUPCC report implemented – submitted by Katy Risner

**Behavior change project on campus in summer – Hennepin Cty funding -** Emily and Christina met post the meeting. Emily will suggest the student develop the posters for outreach and awareness and conference presentation that includes all of the Environmental Student Leaders Action Network from the 5 Hennepin County higher education institutions.

**Climate Action Plan 2022 – bones**

Seth created the bones of our next steps.

Green by 2019 - goals were stated but they were buried in words

Good information, and we want to keep some of this, but missing is the steps about moving forward on certain projects.

We need to call out some specific goals into an actionable breakdown in the shorter term.

Seth showed a draft for us to review. Good for us to go in and modify, it is on googledocs.

Background section is the same

Section ii – overview of current status, in a matrix format

Progress on the goals for 2019 – pull apart that document and pull out what happened.

He needs help breaking down these goals and identifying our progress. This is known by different individuals on campus.

Section iii – 2016-2017 goals and timelines

It would be logical to break these down into discrete steps including metrics, timeframe, who is responsible, etc.

This kind of a document will be alive, and something we check every month and is actionable – a tool for our use.

Section IV

Description of metrics

Let’s keep this simple and clear. Other information can go in the addendum as needed.

Let’s be sure not to take on too much – small goals.

Each goal has a targeted driver, a clear and measurable goal.

Climate Action Plan – what is shared with larger audiences should be a specific version of what we use internally. For example with ACUPCC.

Tangent:

How do we keep track of greening projects on campus? Can and should we know about these? How can we help celebrate and note these accomplishments – rather than delegating or tracking, we can communicate and share these accomplishments?

Connecting to the larger communication strategies that exist. Are there web functions that can help us do this?

A clearer vehicle for communication would be helpful and probably inspirational.

We should set clear goals, with limited input, but the goals don’t need to be perfect or garnering lots of community input. We need to set the macro goals and then encourage others in the community to participate.

We need to balance impact and attainability. What can we really accomplish and what is best for the environment.

**Regular meeting schedule – at least for fall**

Thursdays in the afternoons. We will schedule for every other week so we have the time set aside, and possibly reduce to monthly after our process has become more clear.

**Other:** Ran out of time!

**Action Items:**

Leif will send out a doodle poll to set up a meeting to plan a ½ day meeting with the aim of finalizing the new Climate Action Plan.

**Ideas for next meeting’s agenda:** Ran out of time