**Environmental Stewardship Committee - March 2017 Minutes**

**March 20, 2017**

**Attendees:**

Christina Erickson - Facilitator and Committee Chair

Seth Lienard- Event and Conference Planning

Allyson Green - Campus Kitchens and Chief Sustainability Officer

Andrea Porter - Environmental Steward Fellow

Jill Davenport - Purchasing and Central Services

Jim Perrine - Environmental Ethics Fellow

Karl Hahn- Environment Action Committee

**Meeting Minutes:**

1. Last meeting’s minutes have been approved and posted on the ESC webpage.

**Agenda:**

**Environmental Justice and Social Change Study Abroad Trip to Mexico: (Allyson)**

Study abroad trip to Mexico was a fast, successful trip; CGE Campus provides valuable sustainability practices that are continuously integrated into learning. The students gained agroecology experience and insight from a visit to a local organic farm. Overall, this experience was able to engage students in thoughtful, critical discussions. Future courses would benefit from sending more environmental studies students to this campus.

**Water initiatives:**

April 4 open forum presentation to the Staff Senate: information and general framework needs to be done by the ***end of this week (3/24/17)***

* Action Plan and Initiatives presented to Staff Senate
* 3 Questions posed to the Staff Senate:
	+ What are the challenges/solutions, how do we garner support, how do these shape the implementation of maintaining the goal?
	+ **Allyson:** Present initial action plan and compost initiatives in a google slideshow, write short paragraph to put into the newsletter by Friday (3/24).
	+ **Christina:** will send out the iSO to Allyson, education initiative, sticky pages and post it notes
	+ **Seth:** Facilitate questions
	+ **Emily:** Supporting questions/small group discussion, candy
	+ **Jill:** water initiative discuss the current water usage on campus
	+ **Jim:** “Take Back the Tap” (Food and Water Watch.org) will contact this organization if we can use this catch phrase for the water initiative.
	+ **ALL:** Google Slide presentation ***finished by April 3*** to present to the Staff Senate by April 4.

**Draft Water Initiative Implementation Plan:** (Andrea,Seth)

A connection of our research with the water policy allowing our information to be presented in a logical format. Tentative timeline: draft due by April 15 to be reviewed by the ESC prior to submission.

**EAC:** (Karl)

* Final meeting for the bike share: Rebecca John approved this today! Next steps are to get an estimate for an awning as a protection for the bikes.
* Compost bins in the residence halls: Amanda is working with vendors to figure out sourcing of bins. Please check in with Amanda to see if she needs any help institutionally with composting (Jill)
* Transportation hallway: will be meeting with marketing to design maps of campus and nearby locations (community activities, bike paths, metro transit, points of interest, etc.)
* Events: discussion and planning to build up events leading up to Earth Day events (Biking, Campus Kitchen, Bee Week, Compost Week, maybe a Campus wide competition)

**UMACS Conference: Upper Midwest Association for Campus Sustainability**

September 29-30, 2017 Central College, Pella, Iowa

Theme: Resilience, Resolve, and Renewal: Redefining the 3Rs of Sustainability

***Deadlines:***

***April 1: Accepting proposals for presentations,*** [***click here.***](http://umacs.org/conferences/)

***May 1: Accepting proposals for the poster session,*** [***click here.***](http://umacs.org/conferences/)

* Compost interns are thinking about this proposal
* ESC Action Plan/Initiatives process poster - Emily/Christina will help to draft a proposal
* River semester - Presentation
* Campus Kitchens - Presentation
* EAC - Presentation

***If there are going to be presentations we need to know definitively by Monday March 27, 2017***

***Thank you for a great meeting! Next meeting will be on April 3, 2017***