**Environmental Stewardship Committee - April 2017 Minutes**

**April 17, 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

Emily Schilling - Biology and Environment Studies

**Meeting Minutes:**

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

**Agenda:**

**Feedback on staff senate:**

Overall conversations were great - we felt that there was diverse group of interested staff from different departments on campus. The questions that were raised were genuine and interested in how we can approach this solution.

Discussion on the data we have collected from the community, to craft a policy that is a sensitive to the concerns of the campus community, while maintaining the integrity of the initiative. Further discussion on the development of a water initiative, and if it should be a partial or full water bottle ban. We have many connections to colleges that have successfully incorporated full water bottle bans on their campus’ and we will be in contact with them for insight in developing implementation policies. (Macalester, Bemidji State, St. Bens)

**Next Steps:**

 Continuous sharing of this plan to get the word out:

 Presented to the: Staff senate, faculty, UC

Data Briefing:

1. AASHE - other schools have done this and tracked the data that this does not increase sales of sugary carbonated beverages.
2. Compile Jill’s data on water bottle sales
3. Having this in an accessible place (website)
4. Compiling other sources
5. Infographic - data leading to reasoning behind this policy (policy brief) - get this to the UC by the end of May? It would be good to get this to them so they could make a decision by the start of Fall 2017.
6. [Take back the tap](http://www.foodandwaterwatch.org/campaign/take-back-tap) - do they have other sources for help (Andrea)
7. Put this on the ESC website provide an easy place to find info. (Andrea)
8. Calculate your water footprint
9. Do a water use survey of the UC/Faculty/Staff Senate
10. Education on tap water: Public health discussion were we can address what is in the water, what is safe, what is not safe, along with testing Augsburg’s tap water to reaffirm that our water is safe.
11. Data on how much filtered water is going through the current bottle filling stations - to measure the behavioral changes
12. Nobel Peace Prize 2018’s theme will be water - this international event to can provide a means to make a statement that these issues are prevalent off of Augsburg’s campus.

 Water bottle policy:

1. We might have to consider specific language and crafting dependent on partial or full water bottle ban.
2. Find other water bottle policies that other have done this already? (Emily)
3. Invite 10 minute phone consultation from representative from Macalester (May 1, 2017 meeting)

***This is our last meeting of the present academic year. The next meeting will be on May 1, 2017 and then May 15, 2017.***

***Thank you to Jim Perrine for all of his hard work, and congratulations on graduation!***