ESC Meeting

August 30, 2017

Present: Christina Erickson, Allyson Green, Emily Schilling, Jill Davenport and Seth Leinard

1) We got the MAC grant! Among other things, this will pay for Allyson to spend 50% of her time on the environmental portion of her job.

Hiring of students - several undergrads and 2 grads are currently planned. Maybe one grad student can work on water and one on compost? And work with undergrad students identified for each initiative.

Current ESC fellow could continue work with compost initiative since that is up and running.

2) Fall Meetings - Tuesdays – around lunch time – 1x month will be scheduled.

3) Important items to report to the UC - integration of curriculum with campus life – campus as lab as an overarching theme, otherwise reporting on last year’s progress with updates on this coming year's plans.

4) Water policy communication – It’s up to us to figure out what the policy looks like. We get to set dates and targets.

Start with A’viands – take bottled water off the catering menu – Jill will talk to Josh in Aviands to take it off the menu immediately.

Seth will monitor requests in events and remind people bottled water is not offered.

Christina will advertise in Amail that bottled water will not be offered anymore through A’viands. Dispensers and carafes will be the go to. Thank you to A’viands for being such a great partner will be part of the Amail posts.

Filling stations - We will pursue 3 more. 2 with EAC dollars and one with Batalden. Jill will investigate which water fountains are ready for the additions of filling stations.

Education and communication plan about water is yet to be constructed. We know we need to educate as options are removed.

5) Recycled Note pads - 100 letter size pads and 100 half-sheet size pads will be made by the copy center. Jill will advertise when they are ready and they will be added to the online copy request and paper supplies order system. Christina and Allyson to keep posting in Amail.

6) Garden - The gardens are being re-done. There has been a plan that changes the garden beds. The plan consists of raised beds.

Allyson will be surveying Auggie community members about their perceptions of the changes to the garden. This garden space is very replicable. It does reduce the number of garden beds from about 67 to about 53. Allyson is negotiating the plans and communicating with gardening members.

There will be some giveaway items from the old garden - bricks, etc. Allyson will keep us posted.

7) Student roles/communication and collaboration

Let’s have a lunch at the beginning of the year. Incorporate let all of the players in operations, curriculum and co-curricular to get to know each other. This would help us gather the various people who are all part of this work

Do we need space? We’re not sure.

Working collaboratively with student government and EAC is important.

8) Water class - what should this look like?

Invite ESC committee to the Freshmen Augsem class on water and review/respond to the work they created. One idea is finding sources and life cycle of water bottles, especially those sold on campus. Health, equity, plastic issues are all important aspects of water to cover. Solutions and observations on water is an option too. The water footprint of the average Augsburg College student would be an interesting activity.

ENV science is doing the water testing.

Christina to schedule fall meetings.

Adjourned.