**Environmental Issues Committee Meeting Minutes**

January 14th, 2014 1pm to 2pm

Century Room F, EMU

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ron Lovinger – Landscape Architecture

Lisa Wimberley - Personell

Doug Brooke - Enterprise Risk Services

Meg Mattson – Academic affairs

Erin Moore – Architecture (chair)

Mark Reed – Geology

Bitty Roy - Biology

Steve Mital – Office of Sustainability
Christine Thompson – Campus Planning and Real Estate

Emma Newman - Student Sustainability Coalition

**Guests:**

Jeff Nunes - Athletics

Andrew Louw- Office of Sustainability

**WELCOME AND SELF-INTRODUCTIONS**

The committee introduced themselves and approved the December meeting minutes.

**GEORGE HECHT (CAMPUS PLANNING): CAP UPDATE / SPEAKER SERIES**

George introduced himself and described his role as an advocate for sustainability. He gave some history of green building practices at the UO and discussed campus planning’s initiative to help green the operations of existing buildings to become certified as green buildings under LEED EBOM (he used Knight Law School as an example). Inspired by a successful collaboration with UO graduate student Tom Collins, George is interested in developing ideas for a program that would support faculty and students working on sustainability issues related to building design and operations, behavior change, and campus planning. This opportunity might be offered quarterly and campus operations is willing to offer some financial support. George emphasized that the timing of such an event would be important and thought a budget around $5,000 to $10,000 would be sufficient to fund such a program. As part of the CAP update, he asked the EIC to consider what would the rules, requirements, and guidelines for such a program look like. Bitty was interested in engaging ideas about user behavior change. Christine suggested the Oregon Model for Sustainable Development (OMS) might be good framework for structuring the program around. There were some questions about whether the EIC would oversee the implementation of such a program or simply help brainstorm and launch the program and then hand its management off to another group.

**2014 AGENDA SURVEY & PLANNING**

Steve shared the results from the agenda planning survey with the committee and recapped the ideas therein. There was some discussion around the CPS lessons learned case study. Mark suggested that the committee needs more data before we can gauge the net impact of the CPS decision. Christine and Jeff supported this idea, but there some discussion around how such a significant decision can be made without more coordination with other important campus groups like the EIC.

Meg raised the idea of introducing a winter break shutdown policy. After some discussion it was decided that the committee will move forward with the CAP discussion and subcommittees were formed to look into the other agenda topics and report back to the larger group. The subcommittee groups are as follows:

Riverfront - Ron, Bitty

CPS lessons learned - Jeff, Erin, Andrew

Winterbreak Shutdown - Meg, Mark

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held in February. Times and location will be sent to member via email.