**Environmental Issues Committee Meeting Minutes**

December 2, 2016, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Columbia 249

**MEMBERS PRESENT**
**Faculty and Staff:**

Melynn Bates – College of Education

Bob Choquette – Public Policy, Planning and Management

Brook Eastman – Geography

Peggy Schneider – Parking and Transportation

Alethea Steingisser – Geography

Marie Swarringim – Campus Planning, Design and Construction

Michael Tomcal – College of Business

**Students:**Nicole Zavoshy

**Ex-Officio:**

Eric Beeler—Student Sustainability Coalition

Steve Mital—Office of Sustainability

Eleni Tsivitzi— Campus Planning, Design, and Construction

Steve Stuckmeyer (representing Jeremy Chambers) – Environmental Health and Safety

Les Groscup – Intercollegiate Athletics

**Other Attendees:**

Taylor McHolm – Office of Sustainability

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Members introduced themselves. Steve Mital proposed finding an additional student representative.

**REVIEW OF EIC CHARTER**

Steve Mital led the group through the EIC charter, noting that the charter needs to be updated to reflect five ex-officio members, rather than the stated four.

**SELECTING A CHAIR**

Marie Swarringim motioned to elect Melynn Bates as chair. Motion was seconded. Motion passed unanimously to elect Melynn Bates as chair of EIC.

**REVIEW OF 2015-2016 ANNUAL REPORT**

Steve Mital led the group through the main items of the EIC annual report currently being finalized by Erin Moore and the Office of Sustainability.

**SETTING AGENDA FOR 2016-2017**

Steve solicited ideas for the EIC to consider as part of its agenda for the year. The list will be reviewed by Melynn and Steve to determine what is feasible, taking into consideration the needs of the faculty Senate if any. Proposed ideas are:

* Review issue of second-hand smoke exposure right off campus, particularly by the science complex and 13th and Kincaid. Smoke and Tobacco Free University policies have led to a concentration of smokers and litter in these areas
* Investigate possible opportunities and concerns with the development of the Knight Campus
* Tour the Central Power Station
* Tour labs and academic units focused on issues of sustainability
* Tour City of Eugene wastewater management site
* Schedule presentation from the developing bike-share program on campus and give feedback/recommendations
* Follow-up on the Carbon Tax proposal and possible alternative structures for imposing that tax
* Look into creating an inventory of campus buildings’ use of/conversion to energy efficient lighting, both in hallways and offices and work-side lamps
* Consider recommendations for improving education on and communication about the various surplus exchanges (office furniture and supplies). Evaluate whether those services (particularly office supplies) can be opened to students, especially those with higher needs. Consider recommending opening an additional ROSE site on the opposite end of campus, possibly at the chemical reuse site (provided that it does not interfere with the operations of chemical reuse site)
* Publicize and educate on issues of integrated pest management plan, especially when buying a can of bug spray is a low-enough cost that it does not trigger the appropriate oversight regarding appropriate sprays/management techniques
* Look into helping the UO campus become Bee Campus Certified

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