**Environmental Issues Committee Meeting Minutes**

December 3, 2013, 1pm to 2pm

Coquille Room, EMU

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ron Lovinger – Landscape Architecture

Michael Smith – Information Services

Adam Jones – Enterprise Risk Services

Lisa Wimberley - Personell

Doug Brook - Enterprise Risk Services

Jeff Nunes - Athletics

Blair Williamson - Atletics

Meg Mattson – Academic affairs

Erin Moore – Architecture (chair)

Mark Reed – Geology

Steve Mital – Office of Sustainability (ex officio)

Andrew Louw- Office of Sustainability

**WELCOME AND SELF-INTRODUCTIONS**

Steve explained the process for selecting a committee chair. He then welcomed Erin Moore as the Chair for 2013-14. Erin welcomed the committee back, welcomed new and return members, and committee introduced themselves.

**MISSION AND CHARGE**

Erin summarized the EIC mandate, explaining who the EIC reports to and outlines the role responsibilities of the committee. Steve and Erin took some questions around the EIC role and function.

**RECAP OF 2012/3 AND AGENDA PLANNING**

Climate Action Plan (CAP) update: Erin summarized the review of last years CAP discussion. Last year, the EIC voted to move forward with a number of recommendations, but some were unresolved. Erin asked the committee to prioritize discussion around the CAP update. Steve summarized the UO’s GHG emissions and explained how the purpose of the CAP is to reduce the University’s GHG emissions to net zero by 2050. Steve outlined what the CAP does and does not include and talked about the recommendations that had been discussed an agreed upon to date.

Comprehensive Environmental Policy (CEP) policy review: Steve gave some background on the CEP policy review and expressed that the EIC might be called upon to revisit the policy if the senate and administration moves forward with adopting the policy.

Central Power Station (CPS): Erin and Steve briefed the committee of the natural gas fired co-gen plant. Steve gave some background on the CPS and outlined how the CPS project did not align with the concurrent CAP process. Erin asked the committee to create a case study of the CPS process to help improve future decision-making as the University moves toward a more sustainable campus. Steve outlined opportunities around implementing a flex-fuel week.

Other issues

UO Riverfront: Ron Lovinger asked the EIC to consider reopening the discussion around the UO owned riverfront property. He would like to continue the discussion of preserving the area north of river to be as open space for the UO campus. There was some discussion around last year’s recommendations. Steve will follow up on the work that has been done and help the committee move forward on this topic.

**NEXT MEETING**

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