**Environmental Issues Committee Meeting Minutes**

March 17, 2016, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Columbia 249

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

Erin Moore—Architecture

Holly Lynn - Biology
Melynn Bates—American English Institute

Marie Swarringim – Campus Planning, Design, and Construction

**Students:**

**Ex-Officio:**

Eric Beeler—Student Sustainability Coalition

Blair Hinton - Athletics
Steve Mital—Office of Sustainability

Eleni Tsivitzi— Campus Planning, Design, and Construction

**Other Attendees:**

Kevin Van Den Wymelenberg (Director, ESBL)
Paul Ward (GTF in ESBL)
George Hecht (AVP Campus Operations)
Donny Addison (Zero Waste Operations Manager)

**WELCOME AND UPDATES**

Erin welcomed everyone. Committee members and guests introduced themselves. Erin moved to approve the February minutes and Melynn seconded the motion. By a voice vote, the minutes were unanimously approved. There were no updates or announcements.

**Energy savings report**
Kevin and Paul (from ESBL) presented their DRAFT report which was requested by Steve Mital and funded by Campus Operations. The report continues EIC’s exploration of an internal carbon tax and answers the question of what energy and emissions reductions projects on the UO campus the ”tax revenues” could fund. The draft report identified 3 projects as top priorities:

* Repair Klamath Hall air-handling units (AHU)
* Optimize scheduling of University Health Center (UHC)
	+ Total estimated cost: < $10000
	+ Total estimated savings: $30000-$40000 annually
* Create Strategic Energy Management Plan (SEMP)

The PPT presentation is archived with the Sustainability Office

**Sustainability Office Overview**

Steve Mital, Director of the Office of Sustainability, gave a presentation summarizing the mission of the Sustainability office as well as key projects and programs. The 5 focus areas are:

* **Leadership** - Provide strategic advice, information, and resources to senior administrators, faculty, staff, and students working to integrate sustainability practices and policies into their programming. Facilitate broad collaboration necessary for decision-making and action.
* **Policy Development** - Develop policies that promote environmentally sensitive behavior by campus users and environmentally responsible development and stewardship of campus assets.
* **Projects and Programs** - Create, implement, and manage innovative programs and events, in partnership with other campus units whenever possible, that integrate sustainability into operations, research, curriculum, co-curriculum, and engagement with the broader community.
* **Monitoring** - Establish metrics and track institutional sustainability performance.
* **Outreach** - Share the University’s sustainability story and encourage the campus community to contribute to its growth and success.

Steve then shared details on several past and present initiatives and discussed how they support this. Finally, Steve covered some future projects he’s hoping to secure as well as Sustainability Office staffing and budget.