

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

February 19, 2002

EMU Board Room

Attendees: Bob Jones, Christine Thompson, Chris Jones, Vera Kewene, Dorene Steggell, Anne Forrestel, Julia Heydon, Robyn Hathcock, Karyn Kaplan, J.R. Gaddis, Kay Coots, Jessica Rose, Greg Stripp,

Guests: Harriet Merrick, Steve Mital

Environmental Studies Service Learning Program

Steve Mital addressed the Committee last September to enlist support for the Environmental Studies Program's pilot service project. He is responsible for finding projects over the summer for students to work on and gain practical experience and credits over the course of the year. Examples include: Bring Recycling – television recycling; Food for Lane County – ways to divert food waste from waste streams in grocery stores and restaurants; City of Eugene – Spencer Butte recreational use and restoration. Next year they are planning to work with the City's SMART program.

Steve was not able to set up a campus-based project last year due to time constraints and "red tape." Potential projects at that time involved the transportation demand management plan and energy use. He would like to have the EIC's support and help in securing one for next year. Most sponsors supplement grant funds by contributing \$3,000 - \$5,000.

The Committee decided it would like a status report from the Good Company's audit as it may help identify projects. Kay offered to invite Joshua Skov to the next meeting. This may also be a good opportunity to focus on areas of the Environmental Policy which need attention. Steve would like to have recommendations by April. It was suggested that the Sustainable Business Symposium would be an important venue to present the program's final reports.

Computer Harvest

Kay distributed copies of the Computer and Electronic Equipment (CEE) Harvest Summary (5/22/01 to 2/13/02). The harvest is facilitated through the Environmental Health & Safety Office. They have shipped 1883 pieces of old equipment and diverted 6,254 pounds of lead-containing CRTs from the landfill. CEE is faced with the challenge of finding a new storage space to house equipment prior to shipment. If anyone has a suggestion on the availability of a 1000 to 1500 square foot space, talk to Kay Coots.

Agenda for March/April

Good Company Audit Status Report

Environmental Studies Service Learning Program Project

Transportation Resource Center Debriefing

Contact Dan Williams – follow up on last month's meeting (Bob)