

## **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE**

**February 16, 2004**

**EMU Board Room**

ATTENDEES: Dorene Steggell, Anne Forrestel, Joni Herbst, Robyn Hathcock, Kay Coots, Steve Mital, Ben Farrell, Karyn Kaplan, J. R. Gaddis, Christine Thompson, Cheri Smith, Chris Jones, Josh Ruddick

### **Announcements**

- Trainsong Neighbors meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. Brian Jennison from LRAPA will discuss the Best Work Practices Agreement between LRAPA and J.H. Baxter Company.
- On February 26<sup>th</sup> the CEO of Seventh Generation will be in Lillis 182 at 7:00 p.m.
- KLCC will air a series on sustainability the week of February 16th at 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The entire program will air again on Saturday.

### **Review of the Comprehensive Environmental Policy**

Changes to the Follow Up, Review, and Update section: replace *are required to* with **shall**; delete the two references of *within one year from the date of ratification of this policy*; replace *invited* with **encouraged**; delete *for improvement*.

Strategies for improving implementation:

- Goal is to educate the university community about this policy in order to help give direction to those who are interested in improving their environmental practices.
- Encourage all units to look at the policy once a year (for example on Earth Day) to determine how it relates their unit and what they can do in the following year to move forward in a spirit of progress.
- A sustainability coordinator would help to encourage and monitor campus-wide progress.

A template for creating sub-policies is available on the Environmental Health and Safety web page. Dorene asked Linda to incorporate the changes and e-mail the corrected copy to the committee.

### **Sustainability Heroes**

Six heroes have been featured on the web site. The next six are Jo Rogers, Mick Westrick, Jim Hutchison, Christine Thompson, and Stan Jones. A list of future nominees was distributed and discussed. Additions and corrections: add Exterior Team, and Hildegard Kleinhaus specifically; change Solar Information Center to Ecological Design Center. Linda will update for continued discussion at the next meeting.

### **Agenda Items for March**

Earth Day Preparation

Feedback for Dan Williams on Draft Sustainability Plan

(Karyn will e-mail copy prior to meeting; also noted that Dan said funding is not available for sustainability coordinator this year)

**The next Environmental Issues Committee meeting will be held on March 18, from 2:30 – 4:00 a.m. in the EMU Board Room**