

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

May 23, 2000

EMU Umpqua Room

ATTENDEES: Karyn Kaplan, David Niles, Teresa Sabol Spezio, Mary Clayton, Kay Coots, J.R. Gaddis, Bev Murrow, Jim Upshaw, Robyn Hathcock

New Business:

The ASUO contacted Karyn to ask about the level of student participation this past year. She expressed the Committee's concern and frustration at the low level of involvement and hopes that the ASUO will discuss some solutions. Kay suggested contacting the students for their perspectives. On behalf of the Committee, Teresa offered to draft an E-mail survey, and Karyn will provide her with a list of the undergraduates who were appointed.

David Niles announced his resignation as Bicycle Coordinator effective at the end of Spring term. He believes that the position will be posted.

Karyn suggested that the Committee use this meeting to wrap up the year. There were no objections to holding the next meeting at the beginning of Fall term.

Mary Clayton volunteered and was unanimously voted chairperson for next year.

Copies of the Executive Order No. EO-00-07, the Governor's Sustainability Order, were made available. Dan Williams had asked Karyn to prepare a UO sustainability report which he presented to the Oregon State of Higher Education. Karyn thanked the Committee members for all their work over the years on this and other issues which have played a part in the University's impressive record and reputation. J.R. congratulated her as well and the Committee applauded Karyn for her leadership.

Karyn presented a draft year-end report and asked for feedback which she will incorporate into the final copy. Bev Murrow, Alan Smith, Susie Endow and Connie French have also previewed the report in order to check for accuracy and/or help with editing.

Following a discussion on wind power and cost of energy use, David suggested adding the Facilities Services Energy Specialist, Amy Lake, as an ex-officio member.

Karyn is working on expanding the web site through possible funding from the National Wildlife Federation. She would also like to work on developing an environmental issues brochure and other ways to increase awareness on campus.

The next Environmental Issues Committee meeting will be held in Fall 2000.

Minutes submitted by Linda Johnson