

## **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE**

**April 9, 2003**

**Board Room**

**Attendees:** Bob Jones, J.R. Gaddis, Jo Rodgers, Julia Heydon, Robyn Hathcock, Karyn Kaplan, Steve Mital, Paige West, Sara Henderson, Chris Jones, Erin Rowland, Joni Herbst, Dorene Steggell, Wayne Jewett, Bitty Roy & Guest: Peter Reppe

### **Announcements**

- The Natural Step Network would like to invite a representative from UO to attend their workshop on April 30<sup>th</sup> in Corvallis. Contact Robyn for more information
- The sustainability web site is up and running. More information will be added over the summer.

### **Subcommittee Reports:**

Transportation – Distributed a draft titled Transportation Bulletin – Did You Know ??? (These facts come from Jan. 2001 LTD survey). The committee was asked to review it and send feedback to Paige West.

CASL – Met with Dan Williams and Jan Oliver last week. They are supportive and working to identify a house to be renovated. Jan and Jo will meet to determine the timeline. CASL received many letters of support, and Dan said the interest and support is clear. However, he would still like to receive the EIC endorsement letter.

### **Campus Sustainability Coordinator**

Greg, Christine, Peter, and Bob met to discuss the need for a sustainability coordinator. This position has been also mentioned in the Sustainable Development Plan and the Good Company's Assessment. They plan to meet with Dan Williams to determine feasibility.

### **Recycled Paper Policy Revision**

Chris e-mailed the revised policy for the committee's review on March 19<sup>th</sup>, and responses resulted in a few minor changes. Harriet, Karyn, and J.R. will do a final review and then forward it to Dave Hubin.

### **Environmental Studies - Campus Sustainability**

Peter Reppe taught a class last term on campus sustainability. Students developed six projects as follows:

1. Adding quantitative indicators to the campus sustainability plan
2. Hot water waste heat recovery system for a dorm or athletic building
3. Establish a campus sustainability self-guided walking tour
4. Greening of the Science Library if renovated
5. Idea for biological gray-water treatment for a dorm

6. Environmental literacy – how well is sustainability incorporated into courses such as math and architecture. What incentives could the university provide to instructors to update their curriculum?

Peter is working elsewhere this summer and asked if the EIC would take on some of these projects. Karyn suggested submitting them to Dan Williams and to the year-end report. Peter will write a brief report and summary. He was invited to attend the sustainability coordinator meeting to help demonstrate projects that might fall to such a position.

### **Earth Day**

The Education Subcommittee is coordinating an EIC information table at Earth Day. It will be set up next to CASL, and Jo plans to be on site most of the day. They asked for several volunteers to staff the tables when she cannot be there.

The next Environmental Issues Committee meeting will be held 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> in the EMU Alsea Room