

Environmental Issues Committee Meeting
February 11, 2009
11:30am-12:30pm Century Room D, EMU

Attendees:

Art Farley, Stephanie Franklin, Christine Thompson, Jill Forcier, Jeffrey Scroggin, Kay Coots, Mark Reed, Mikey Latteri, Sarah Douglas, Steve Mital, Heather Gurewitz, BJ Sorenson, Lynn Giordano, Daniel Rottenberg (ASUO Advocate), Will Cresko, and visiting guest speaker Stephanie Franklin

Agenda

1. Welcome/Introductions
2. Smoke Free Campus Report (SFCR) Stephanie Franklin (Human Resources) will discuss and ask questions
3. Action Item: Make EIC Recommendation regarding SFCR (approve, suggest modifications, disapprove)
4. Review of overall UO Climate Action Plan (to be continued/completed in March)
5. Discuss no idling policy

Smoke Free Campus Report:

- Stephanie Franklin summarized the proposed Campus Smoke Free plan development process
- The task force will recommend the campus go smoke free
- If accepted an implementation committee will deal with the logistical issues of the policy and its enforcement during the 2009-10 academic year.

Discussion

The committee reviewed the positive arguments presented by the task force and expressed a number of concerns regarding the recommendation, including:

- How can this policy be enforced? If it cannot, how is it different than the current policy?
- Will this create tension between classified and un-classified staff? Classified staff do not have the same flexibility as un-classified staff regarding breaks.
- Is there a way to do this without pushing people off campus and onto neighbors?
- How does this infringe upon personal health choices? What are the social implications?
- How is the campus area defined? Does it include the stadium? The downtown center?
- How does the health impact of outdoor second-hand smoke compare to other, outdoor air pollutants?
- Is the University's role only to educate about health issues or also to control behaviors?

A motion was made to endorse the Smoke-Free Campus Recommendation. It was seconded. Three members voted for it and six voted against. The EIC is not endorsing the smoke-free campus policy. Additional topics on the agenda will be covered in future EIC meetings.