

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

January 26, 2000

Lawrence Hall, Room 196

ATTENDEES: Karyn Kaplan, Robyn Hathcock, Jim Upshaw, Martha Ravits, Kay Coots, JR Gaddis, Bev Murrow, Janet Rose, David Niles, Mike Steene

Announcements:

- The ASUO has officially appointed Lanelle Common to the committee.
- Printing at the EMU -- The student recycling coordinator and Karyn met with Gregg Lobisser who has been working on a solution with Wylie Chen, President of the ASUO, and the Provost office. They are researching a card system such as is used at the University of Washington.
- Mike Steene offered to provide a copy of the audit class report once it is approved. The committee requested a presentation of the audit findings.

New Business

Earth Week 2000: Preparations are coming along great this year. Karyn has appointed Leona, a paid intern, to facilitate meetings and many groups have been attending. The Coalition Against Environmental Racism (C.A.E.R.) conference will be held on Thursday and Friday prior to Earth Day.

The City of Eugene has formed a steering committee to work on an Earth Day celebration. There is a movement across the country focusing on resource conservation and energy efficiency as the theme for Earth Week 2000. Karyn and Leona are researching what is going on nationally/internationally and how best to advertise the activities Leona will also function as a liaison with the city. Nike has offered to participate by taking back all brands of old sneakers and recycling them into a pad for the football field.

Leona is also working with OSPRIG to promote a dirty jobs boycott. Young people pledge not to work for certain companies and will work for environmentally conscious companies.

Another intern, Jessica, has been working on a tool kit and a grassroots action campaign to get textbook companies to use recycled paper. Instructors will be encouraged to participate along with other universities.

Karyn will keep everyone informed via the list serve as things are confirmed.

Subcommittees

Paper Policy The Rubicon bamboo paper is no longer being offered by the manufacturer, therefore, Printing Services has returned to the task of finding a suitable alternative for UO letterhead. They have tested a brand from Living Tree Paper Company, which actually costs less and is more environmentally friendly. It is 24 pound, 10% flax, chlorine-free and 90% post-consumer. A second alternative, in the testing phase, is a 24 pound bright white paper, chlorine-free and 60% recycled, 30% post-consumer. If it passes the test, both will be made available.

Logo Robyn brought color copies of six different globes and two types of olive branches. She will put the committee's preferences on the web in gray scale with text added for review.

Transportation Many of the recommendations on the 1996 Choices document have become policy, although not widely publicized. However, suggestions relating to a transportation resource center have not been implemented. Marti was asked to draw up a resolution in support of the center. The committee approved the wording with a change to address the fact that the 1996 Choices report recommended a position be created to staff a resource center rather than to create the center itself. It was further suggested that instead of specifying "in the EMU", an "(s)" be added after Center in the event that this evolve into multiple centers.

Karyn, Marti, David and Jim will meet with George Hecht to offer the committee's support and give him the opportunity to review the resolution which will take the form of a letter addressed to Dan Williams.

Minutes submitted by Linda Johnson

The next Environmental Issues Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 23rd in the EMU Board Room.