

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

May 15, 2008 in EMU Century Room E

Attendees: Chuck Kalnbach, Jim Blick, Lynn Giordano, Steve Mital, Art Farley, Bill Cresko, Deb Merskin

Review of Recommendations for Final Report

Approved with the following changes:

Class I: Physical infrastructure

Definition: add - all property owned and leased by the university (properties leased out by the university should be included in a phased approach)

Sources: add - heating with natural gas

Class II: Direct transportation activities

Definition: specify - university sanctioned travel

Goals: add – reduce travel where appropriate and encourage modes that emit fewer emissions and increase café standards in motor pool

Measurement: change - “staff member” to “user”

Other suggestions:

- Consider idea of a travel budget
- More explicit wording needed to reflect that -- after doing everything possible to reduce emissions would need to purchase offsets in order to reach the goal of carbon neutrality

Class III: Indirect transportation activities

Definition: change to: Emissions resulting from travel to and from campus by users that is not paid for by the university, except for Study Abroad travel.

Sources: change - “International Affairs” to “Study Abroad”

UO Responsibility: delete the word “automobile” and clarify that the UO is responsible for reducing demand but not for mitigating the remaining emissions

Measurement: After Estimate add - carbon emissions in absolute terms per user

Monitoring: change 5-7 years to 5 years

Additional comments:

- add more shuttle services to provide safer transportation to parking areas after hours
- more awareness needed when setting faculty teaching schedules may lessen extra trips to and from campus

Class IV: Goods & services

UO Responsibility – change “and develop” to “and enhance” the Campus Recycling program...

Other comments:

- Increase purchase of local and cruelty free products (more feasible as monitoring tools become available)
- Should include construction related & embodied emissions in new buildings/products (i.e., Berkeley model)

Next Meeting: 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. on June 12th in EMU Century E