

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

October 20, 1999

EMU Board Room

ATTENDEES: Karyn Kaplan, JR Gaddis, Bev Murrow, Janet Rose, Robyn Hathcock, Teresa Sabol Spezio, David Niles, John Bittner, David Niles, Martha Ravits, Tom Hicks, John Baldwin, Lanelle Common, Ali Rahimi, Mike Steene

Introductions and Committee Charge:

Copies of the Committee Charge were distributed. It was revised last year and one of the key changes addressed increasing student recruitment.

Old Business:

Student Tech Fee: The policy needs to be reviewed with consideration given to instituting an allotment for printing at the EMU. For example, Knight Library has significantly reduced paper use by charging to print, whereas EMU usage has greatly increased (service is considered part of the student tech fee). The issue has been forwarded from the Vice Presidents office to Dusty Miller. The Environmental Audit class will take an in-depth look at the problem as part of EMU audit.

Suggestion Box: An electronic box is available on the Web site. The committee had discussed installing a suggestion box in the EMU. This project is open to anyone who would like to set up and maintain it.

Web Site: It will be advertised in the *Daily Emerald* this year. Karyn and Robyn have updated the committee charge, added information to let students know how to participate, and clarified the policy and implementation sections.

Environmental Symposium Award: The Environmental Issues Committee and Campus Recycling were nominated. Karyn was able to complete the rather lengthy process to submit Campus Recycling Program by the deadline. She offered to work on submitting the Committee next year.

Environmental Implementation Policy: Report will be postponed until the November meeting.

New Business:

Environmental Audit Class: Teresa Sabol Spezio has nine students in the class set up in groups of three. The two goals are to education them on how to do an audit and to help the University. Teresa feels that the UO is doing lots of wonderful things, but often does not let the students know. The groups are auditing trends, the EMU and pesticide/herbicide use on campus. They are hoping to create a Web site with final data.

The class is only being taught this term. If there is no funding available next term, Teresa offered to sponsor internships.

John Baldwin suggested that the class reserve space at Earth Week and design an informational placard on what is being done at the University.

Transportation Resource Center (TRC) Proposals: David Niles distributed copies of a proposal sent to the committee on October 7th for review and endorsement:

The TRC would be a place where people can go for all kinds of regional transportation information. A major focus of the center is to be a resource in reducing people's reliance on single occupancy automobiles. The EMU seems like a logical place to house the TRC.

Listed below are some projects/resources that would be available through the TRC.

- 1) Travel Affordances - an incentive program that I developed for people to walk or ride a bike to campus. Proposed in Dec '98 still waiting legal approval
- 2) GIS transportation planning - a proposed joint project with LTD and Info Graphics. Provides transportation options (bus info, car pooling, bike pooling, walk pooling etc.).
- 3) Ride matching
- 4) Amtrak & Greyhound schedules and fares
- 5) Office for bicycle program (me - currently do not have desk/computer/phone
- 6) Info on Tandem Taxi, Saferide, DDS, LTD
- 7) Specialized bicycle related equipment for loan - racks, trailers, tandems etc.
- 8) Transportation library

John Baldwin would like to see more done to promote bike safety -- specifically siting the area on 18th street near the cemetery and the Education building. He has seen two major accidents this fall. Bikes go too fast and cars pull out of the alley.

David feels that his proposal would help bring safety and other related issues to the forefront. The TRC would make the whole issue more visible.

Karyn suggested that the first step would be for David to bring the proposal to top administrators. They should be familiar with the proposal before the EIC takes any action on it.

Subcommittee Sign Up:

Members signed up for the following committees and were asked try to meet one time before the November meeting:

Transportation:

J.R. Gaddis, Bev Murrow, Tom Hicks, David Niles, John Bittner, Martha Ravits

Education (includes communication):

Robyn Hathcock, Lanelle Common, Janet Rose, John Baldwin, Karyn Kaplan

** David will head Transportation and Karyn and Robyn will head Education.

The next Environmental Issues Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 22 at 11:00am in the EMU Century Room D.

Minutes submitted by Linda Johnson