

## **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE**

**September 12, 2002**

**Owyhee Room**

ATTENDEES: Bob Jones, Rodney Bloom, Gregg Stripp, Bitty Roy, Kay Coots, Christine Thompson, Jessica Rose, J.R. Gaddis, Chris Jones, Anne Forrestel, Julia Heydon, Jane Steckbeck

### **2002-03 Chairperson**

Bob Jones has been re-appointed to the EIC for 2003-03 and reiterated his willingness to serve as chair. The Committee unanimously reelected him. Bob asked Kay Coots to provide an introduction/overview of the EIC for the benefit of new and returning members at the next meeting.

### **Announcement**

The Lundquist College of Business has started a new undergraduate group called the Sustainable Business Group. Vera Kewene and Anne Forrestel are the faculty co-advisors. The kickoff will be a college-sponsored and university-wide invited educational event for the new Lillis Business Complex on October 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (main speakers from noon to 1:00 p.m.). Focus will be on education and celebration of its green and human-centered qualities.

The UO Sustainability Web Site is almost ready and will be sent to committee members for comments soon.

### **Potential Goals for the Year**

Transportation issues (including fees). Some information is available in a 1996 Campus Planning Transportation Report. Christine Thompson hopes to track down and provide pointers on this report. Bob also suggested the following site:

<http://darkwing/~uplan/transpo/TranspoSum.html>

- How can we reduce our reliance on autos?
- Need to improve on education/marketing: e.g. develop a "tips" sheet with some alternatives such as how permits other DPS programs work, Breeze, and park and ride information, etc.
- Approach Steve Mital to consider this for an Environmental Studies Service Learning Program project, or enlist the help of the College of Business Marketing Department.
- Should an EIC subcommittee be formed to work on this?

Education and outreach to the UO community:

- Provide simple, straightforward ideas on how people can live and work in a more sustainable manner.
- Periodic environmental tips in *The Daily Emerald*, and/or emailed to one or more reasonable and targeted mailing lists (e.g., to Department Heads, not to all campus users) and through other distribution mechanisms.
- Should an EIC subcommittee be formed to work on this?

Promote a "sustainability" curriculum requirement?

- Long term goal: this might require a lot of work, but many members supported it.
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Get energy meters (electric, water) installed in campus buildings.

- Work with Facilities Services (George Hecht, Josh Ruddick).
- This could lay the groundwork for various conservation projects.

UO Sustainability web site – Kay Coots, Dennis Soper, and a support person

- Get this web site up and running, and maintain it.

Help to find a space to reestablish furniture surplus program.

**The next Environmental Issues Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 – 12:30 in the EMU Board Room**