

OU Environmental Concerns Committee
Minutes, Tuesday, September 13, 2005

Present: Deborah Dalton, Kelly Rowe, Sophia Morren, Teri Murphy, Debra Engel, Mark Sharfman, Frank Reid.

Mark Sharfman moved to approve the ECC May 12, 2005 minutes. Deborah Dalton seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as amended.

Membership:

One of the students who is currently serving on the ECC is studying abroad and will need to be replaced. Teri Jo will contact UOSA. Staff appointments will rotate every three years; faculty appointments will need to be adjusted so that there is a rotation (one faculty member going off ECC annually). It is important to the mission of the ECC to have some carryover of membership each year.

Committee Discussion:

Teri Murphy, Sophia Morren and Debra Engel met with Nick Hathaway in June 2005 to discuss the ECC objectives. Nick will help identify contacts, for example, for OU publications such as "What Possibilities." Teri will follow-up on that discussion with Nick. The summer student reporter, Gene Perry, also attended that meeting.

Sophia Morren reported that the College of Arts and Sciences had recycling barrels at the Ice Cream Social this fall. Recycling barrels need to be added to each college's event checklists. The committee divided up the colleges as follows:

A&S – Sophia	Business – Mark
Fine Arts – Sophia	COE – TJM
Earth/Energy – Debra	Geosciences -- Debra
Architecture – Sophia will contact Deborah Snyder	
Journalism – Debra	OCCE – TJM
Education -- TJM	

Teri Murphy will email Greg Brezinski to ask him if he wants the ECC to advocate recycling and write a letter to the Head of Physical Plant, Burr Millsap.

Kelly Rowe talked about A&E's recent management of reusable resources in the demolition of Yorkshire Apartments.

Teri Murphy:

- will contact IT about getting an email address for the ECC that can be forwarded to the current chair;

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- asked for nominations for officers. Sophia moved that this be tabled until Amy and Aaron can be at a meeting. Mark seconded. Passed unanimously.
- asked the ECC members how they want to determine a fall focus for ECC. Nick Hathaway has set up a committee to look into energy. How do we connect to that? Find out what faculty senate is doing. Debra Engel will find out what was recommended at the recent faculty senate meeting and will report to the ECC.

“From the Faculty Senate minutes of September 12, 2005:
SENATE CHAIR'S REPORT, by Prof. Roy Knapp

Prof. Knapp reported that two task forces were being formed, one having to do with the student information system and one on reducing environmental emissions and conserving fuel. He asked the senators to send him names of faculty who would be interested in serving on the latter task force.”

Deborah Dalton reported that the cell phone recycling is going well. The OU Alumni Newsletter generated a lot of interest. We need to add a link to the ECC website about cell phone recycling. Sophia is the current ECC webmaster.

Mark Sharfman asked about recycling electronics, “What do they do with old stuff.” Kelly Rowe recommended contacting Surplus. Kelly suggested talking with Steve Dunn or Joe Grecko to talk about use of parts.

Deborah Dalton mentioned a new group in Norman: CORE. CORE is advocating curbside recycling in Norman. She also mentioned the Norman Sustainability Network (NSN). Sophia Morren is active in the NSN.

Mark Sharfman suggested a marketing campaign to assist on the focus on energy. He can see if there is a marketing class that might be interested in taking this on. There was discussion about a focus on linking conservation/recycling to tuition/raises? Kelly Rowe suggested an image of an air conditioner and a caption that says “don't blow your raise!”

Mark Sharfman suggested tying into OG&E's wind initiative. Frank Reid said that OU already does this.

Fall newsletter: report on what OU does energy-wise. Frank Reid and Mark Sharfman will provide content and send to Sophia Morren by the end of September. Sophia Morren volunteered to format the fall ECC newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 8, 2005, at 3:30 in Ellison 220.