

**Minutes of the Valdosta State University Environmental Issues Committee Meeting
February 5, 2014 (Approved 4/4/14)**

Appointed Members in Attendance: Jason Allard (Chair), Theresa Grove (Chair-elect), Jim Nienow, Linda Most, Candicee Childs (SGA), Steven Scheuler, Tommy Crane, Lynn Adams, Tanya Lee, Bobby Flowers, Brad Bergstrom

Guests:

Cheryl Hatcher

Ex Officio

Meredith Lancaster (for Bob DeLong), Ray Sable

Meeting called to order 2:04p.m.

A. Approve Minutes of the last spring 2013: Motion to approve minutes (Bergstrom), seconded by Most. 12 yea.

B. Announcement: EIC Spring meeting schedule. Allard reminded that he had sent the spring meeting schedule out via email.

C. Old Business

i. Updates from sub-committee chairs

1. Recycling (Nienow)- Recycling contest currently underway; students are primarily running it, and it will last until mid-April. The snow days slowed down the advertising, but they are working on increasing the visibility of this competition. This sub-committee is working on cardboard and paper recycling. It seems one of the issues is that buildings do not have rooms to store the cardboard until it is picked-up. They are working with Jim Muzzy to improve the situation. Bergstrom suggested that the campus should be made more aware of VSU's recycling program and suggested campus-wide email announcement. Also, they are working on increasing the amount of recycling/reuse of items when students move out at the end of the year. A partnership has been established with Sociology and Mark McNalley (Residence Life) for the end of the year move-out.

2. Energy Conservation (Lee) The sub-committee is trying to improve conservation on campus and is working on emails, electronic boards and social media as advertising forums. A roundtable discussion about energy conservation is being planned. Lee graphed conservation data, but it's hard to draw conclusions because it's a complicated issue. It would be helpful if the Physical Plant helped with the analysis. It was brought up that an energy audit would be useful, and a proposal will be generated to request funds from the end of year funds. The question was raised about what could be done immediately. Sable mentioned that most of the "easy" fixes were done, but Bergstrom brought up the possibility of installing automatic timers because the lights in many buildings stay on 24 hours a day. This subcommittee is also looking for additional members because it is down to four people.

2. CBSS (Bergstrom)- Spring schedule has not been established. February 21 is Arbor Day with a ceremony at the Pinetum. Short leaf pines have been acquired. Sand pines

have a rust, and will probably not survive. As of now all the coastal native species are represented. There is the possibility to include white pine, which is native to north Georgia, but it may not do well. The dawn redwood (native to China) was also mentioned as a potential addition for educational purposes.

ii. EIC website update- EIC website is being transferred to Cascade. Minutes from 2008 through Spring 2013 are missing, but minutes from this academic year will be posted and older minutes will hopefully be found. There is now an EIC alias (EIC@valdosta.edu). Candicee Childs is the representative from SGA and is their public relations chair; she is willing to promote activities through SGA.

E. Adjourned at 2:44p.m. Motion by Bergstrom, seconded by Adams.