

Valdosta State University – Environmental Issues Committee

Minutes – Thursday, November 19th, 2014 at 8:00 am in Bailey Science Fishbowl Room 3026

People present:

Members:

Theresa J. Grove, Nancy A. Sartin, Arsalan Wares, Tommy Crane, Sebastian Bartos, Brad Bergstrom, Jennifer E Breneiser, Jeremy Bauer, Steve Scheuler, Scott Piepenburg, Tim Brunt, Cindy Tori

Ex officio:

Jason Allard, Helena Krumbacher, , Jim Muzzey for Ray Sable

Guest: Monica Haynes

A. Announcements:

- a. Delay in the our first meeting this year was due to the fact that we received the complete list of EIC members on October 14, 2015
- b. The next meeting is currently scheduled to be held in February 2015. Specific date will depend on the schedules of the EIC committee members and will be announced later.
- c. Committee members will be asked to turn in their Spring 2016 schedules in January 2016, when the next semester starts. It is hard to find a time slot when we are all available, so try to give me as many hours of availability as possible.
- d. As a committee chair, I appreciate the help the two past chairs, Dr. Theresa Grove and Dr. Jason Allard, have provided so far.
- e. Other?

B. New Business

- a. Select a chair for the Recycling subcommittee: There were no volunteers. Arsalan Wares will send an email to the members so that the members can volunteer to serve as the chair of the recycling subcommittee.
- b. Set goals for 2015-16: The EIC members modified pertinent issues of the goals from last year Here are some of the new goals that the members wanted to include in the year 2015-2016:

Campus Beautification and Stewardship:

- Put permanent signs to illustrate the significance and history of the Longleaf pines on campus.
- Put permanent signs in the Longleaf Pine garden area to discourage students from using the area for hanging hammocks.

Resource Conservation:

- Encourage the dining services on campus to provide more vegan and vegetarian choices for students, and staff.

Recycling:

- Explore the possibility of reusing and recycling water from air conditioners.
- Look into the possibility of getting some money back from recycling.
- Look into the purchase and use of better recycling bins.
- Develop methods to educate students and staff about recycling.

C. Approve Minutes of the March 17, 2015 meeting: The minutes were approved unanimously.

D. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm

