

**Virginia Wesleyan College
President's Environmental Issues Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 20, 2006**

MINUTES

Members present: Rebecca Desjardins, Joyce Easter, Linda Ferguson, Doug Garraty, Diane Hotaling, Larry Hultgren, Doug Kennedy, Carolyn King, Tim Lockett, Elizabeth Malcolm, Maynard Schaus, Jack Sims, and Bruce Vaughan

Members not present: Vicki Brynildsen, Bill Gibson, Keith Moore and Nathan Swann.

Guests present: Suzanne Savage

Dr. Schaus welcomed the committee to the meeting.

Minutes Approved

The minutes from the April 26, 2006 meeting were approved.

Committee Reports

Each committee was given an opportunity to report on their activities.

Executive Committee

The Strategic Planning Committee was dissolved and the Executive Committee was formed. The rotation of members needs to be reviewed and overall membership of the Committee should be determined. Each committee chair will be included on the Executive Committee.

Community Awareness and Promotions Committee

The Committee has not met.

Buildings and Grounds Committee

Bruce Vaughan reported that Virginia Wesleyan has joined the U.S. Green Building Council. Anyone can create a login and utilize the resources on their website.

The green roof addition on Smithdeal is underway. There was some delay where loose bricks had to be repaired around the perimeter. Some leaks were experienced and have been addressed. Plant should be installed in the next two weeks. NBC and Virginia Pilot are interested in covering the plant installation. Two schemes will be used on the roof for testing purposes—one with fertilizer and one without.

Bruce Vaughan reported about the plans for Village IV, which will provide 96 beds. Estimates are coming in higher than expected. While we will not apply for LEED certification, the building will include many green practices such as low VOC adhesives, low flow plumbing, energy efficient windows, minimal land disturbance, and runoff will be channeled to biofiltration swales.

Dr. Schaus asked that the Building and Grounds Committee of the PEIC be included in the Village IV planning.

Mr. Vaughan asked that a list of green accomplishments that was circulated to the Administrative Council be attached to the minutes.

Environmental Audit and Practices Committee

The committee has not met. It was reiterated that carbon and energy audits were completed last spring.

New Business

The members of the Strategic Planning Committee were reassigned to other committees.

Jack Sims – Building and Grounds Committee

Carolyn King – Building and Grounds Committee

Joyce Easter – Environmental Audit and Practices Committee

Maynard Schaus and Bruce Vaughan will no longer serve on the Environmental Audit and Practices Committee since they will be serving on the Executive Committee. The group was reminded that members of the PEIC are available to serve as resources to Committees they don't serve on.

Dr. Schaus provided an update about the Platinum Green Laboratory Science Building Workshop held on August 22, 2006. It was discussed that VWC needs to identify a "green champion" to ensure that the science building attains a platinum rating. This duty conflicts with Mr. Vaughan's responsibility to finish the building on time and on budget. Three scenarios were discussed:

1. Aramark could provide a person to serve as the green champion during construction of the building. Mr. Vaughan was asked to get a cost estimate from Aramark for these services.
2. A faculty member could move from full-time to part-time status to serve as green champion.
3. The College could hire a "sustainability officer."
4. A staff position could be split to include these duties.

The Advancement summary of the workshop will be attached to these minutes.

Dr. Schaus also reported that President Greer announced a \$2500 award for one campus environmental project. It was decided that Dr. Schaus would recommend to President Greer that the PEIC coordinate the grant process.

Mr. Vaughan and Dr. Schaus announced that they would discuss green issues at Community Council meeting on September 29.

Mr. Sims suggested that the PEIC make regular reports to President Greer. It was agreed that Dr. Schaus would initially do this one-on-one.

It was discussed that Jane Batten had inquired about hybrid vehicle parking spaces during the workshop. It was agreed that Mr. Vaughan would recommend to Administrative Council that a suitable number of spaces be reserved for hybrid and alternative fuel cars on campus.

Mr. Vaughan announced that he and Mike Rigby would be participating in a webcast on “green cleaning.” Green products will be purchased for the housekeeping staff.

It was also discussed that they College should identify a project to use as a “trial run” for LEED certification before we begin the science building.

Announcements

Sending representatives to the upcoming “Greening Virginia Colleges Conference” was discussed. Mr. Lockett offered to pay for a student representative to attend. Mr. Vaughan will attend a portion of the day. The conference will be held on September 26 at James Madison University.

It was announced that the next meeting agenda would address budget needs of the PEIC.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.