

**Virginia Wesleyan College
President's Environmental Issues Council Meeting
Friday, November 18, 2005**

MINUTES

Members present: Rebecca Desjardins, Linda Ferguson, April Gallagher, Dave Garraty, Bill Gibson, Chris Haley, Diane Hotaling, Tim Lockett, Elizabeth Malcolm, Maynard Schaus, Jack Sims, and Bruce Vaughan.

Members not present: Larry Hultgren, Doug Kennedy, Keith Moore, and Nathan Swann.

Guests present: Suzanne Savage

Dr. Schaus welcomed the committee to the meeting.

I. The minutes from the October 21, 2005 meeting had been circulated by email and were adopted by the group.

II. Each task force was given an opportunity to report on their activities.

- a) The Community Awareness and Promotions Task Force report that they had met and developed a survey to gauge student awareness, attitudes and practices on campus related the environment. It was distributed to all students as part of registration for the spring 2006 semester. The results will be hand calculated. The survey will become a regular part of the registration process. The task force clarified that its role will be to publicize PEIC activities as well as other environmental initiatives on campus. The group will develop a communications plan to be presented to the group in the spring.
- b) Bruce Vaughan reported that he attended a week-long U.S. Green Building Council Conference in Atlanta. He attended a half-day session on new construction of green laboratories. He also attended a session on how to finance green buildings. Mr. Vaughan will prepare a summary of the conference to be distributed to the group. It was also reported that \$40,000-\$50,000 is needed to fund the new landscaping plan. The plan will call for environmentally friendly landscaping. Mr. Vaughan also updated the group on the performance of the new hybrid vehicle, a Ford Escape. It is getting 40 miles per gallon on the highway.
- c) Tim Locket reported that he has spoken with his food service counterparts at Franklin & Marshall and Randolph Macon Woman's College. The discussed composting and food service question and answer sessions in the classroom. He also reported that the Sodexo Corporation has implemented very rigorous purchasing guidelines related to environmental considerations.

- d) Dave Garraty reported that the revised vision, mission and goals will be discussed under old business. The Strategic Planning task force will continue to assess and monitor the goals, incorporating changes as necessary. They will also handle council management, governance, and reporting.

III. Old Business

- a) The mission and vision statements were reviewed and adopted by the group.

The revised goals were discussed. Jack Sims asked what committee would be making environmental recommendations in the academic area. Dr. Schaus asked the PEIC Strategic Planning task force to consider the issue and report back.

It was decided that each goal would be assigned to a task force that would have be responsible accomplishing the goal. The goals were voted on and adopted.

- b) Maynard Schaus displayed an online newsletter that he developed featuring the activities of the PEIC. The newsletter is located at <http://facultystaff.vwc.edu/~mschaus/Fall05PEICnews.htm>. He plans to distribute it on campus through email as well.

IV. New Business

- a) Dr. Schaus reported that he attended the Smart and Sustainable Campus Conference in College Park, MD. He will place a summary of the conference in the PEIC folder on the vwcnet. He highlighted a number of suggestions he gathers that could readily be implemented on campus.
- b) Dr. Schaus reported that he will submit the fall newsletter to President Greer to summarize the PEIC's work during the fall semester.
- c) Items for the spring agenda were discussed.

V. Announcements

Dr. Schaus reported that Dr. Chris Haley will serve as the temporary chair of the PEIC during the spring semester while he is on sabbatical. The PEIC will hold meetings in February, March and April, but it was suggested that the task forces meet once in December or January.

SEAL reported that they will be selling personal recycling bins December 1 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Clarke and Blocker Halls and on December 5 in the Batten Center from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. A 13-quart bin will be \$4 and a 28-quart bin will be \$5.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.