

**Virginia Wesleyan College
President's Environmental Issues Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 26, 2006**

MINUTES

Members present: Vicki Brynildsen, Rebecca Desjardins, Linda Ferguson, Bill Gibson, Chris Haley, Larry Hultgren, Elizabeth Malcolm, Keith Moore, Jack Sims, and Bruce Vaughan.

Members not present: Dave Garraty, Diane Hotaling, Doug Kennedy, Tim Lockett, Maynard Schaus and Nathan Swann.

Guests present: Suzanne Savage

Dr. Haley welcomed the committee to the meeting.

Minutes Approved

The minutes from the March 31, 2006 meeting were approved as revised by the group.

Committee Reports

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

Community Awareness and Promotions Committee

The Community Awareness and Promotions Committee distributed the minutes from their task force meeting on April 18, 2006. They included a list of the initial publicity items that the task force recommends pursuing. Timeframes for the completion of these items have not yet been determined although the task force would like to have materials available for freshman orientation. There was discussion that the President's Office should distribute the PEIC minutes via email to the campus as a way to increase the visibility of the group's work. A potential tag line of "Blue Marlins. Go Green" was discussed.

The committee inquired whether PEIC has a budget. It was suggested that each committee should develop a list of needs before money is requested. After some discussion, the council's consensus was that the PEIC should advocate for money to be allocated to other departments to support the green programming recommended.

Buildings and Grounds Committee

Bruce Vaughan reported on behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Task Force. He indicated that recycling has been added to the Grill. His office has verified that our recycling is going to a bulk facility and not a landfill. The hybrid vehicle is consistently getting 30 miles per gallon which is particularly good for an SUV. He reminded the group that the vehicle was donated and the remaining funds have been placed in escrow for the battery replacement.

Bruce reported that he and President Greer had recently met with the new landscape architect, Ann Stokes. She has outlined a concept for greening the campus. She is committed to using

native plants in her designs. Bruce proposed that we invited Ann Stokes to the next meeting to make a similar presentation to the PEIC. It was agreed that Ms. Stokes would be asked to attend the September 2006 meeting.

Environmental Audit and Practices Committee

Bruce Vaughan summarized the results of the Energy Audit, which was completed by an Aramark engineer. The report captured a history of energy usage and performance and will provide a program to track comparisons and projections. Bruce suggested that an intern is needed for data entry. The engineer can analyze if equipment can be replaced with more efficient equipment and help us benchmark against like institutions. VWC is a high electricity user (having many small buildings takes more energy that fewer large buildings.)

Dr. Malcolm reported that a carbon dioxide emissions worksheet was completed. Data was collected for 2000-2002. The carbon dioxide per square foot was .007 in 2000 and .010 in 2002. Bruce indicated that the increase was because of the addition of the Batten Center that contains a pool and has long operating hours. The task force plans to compare these results to like facilities, track results overtime, and analyze the severity of the winters and summers in 2000, 2001, and 2002.

The duties for an intern were discussed. They could include mapping and inventory of native plants on campus using GIS to map. The intern could also undertake an energy and water survey. It needs to be determine what faculty member in the science department will supervise the intern. Jack suggested that we contact Washington College and request a copy of the intern's job description and goals. The group felt that one student from the Earth and Environmental Science department was needed and another student was needed for communications. EES now offers a 10-hour per week internship that provides 3 hours of credit.

Strategic Planning Committee

In Dave Garraty's absence, Jack Sims provided the Strategic Planning Committee report. The committee recommends that the PEIC develop a strategic plan for our work that identifies timeframes and budgetary needs. This will develop a process for prioritizing work.

Linda Ferguson reported that the committee developed terms for each member to serve. The terms will be three years, but initially they were staggered. Term lengths were drawn as indicated below.

Permanent

Director of Business Operations	Bruce Vaughn
Director of College Communications	Rebecca Desjardins
Director of Dining Services	Tim Lockett
Director of Community Service	Diane Hotaling
Director of Strategic Planning	Linda Ferguson

Departmental Representation

Advancement	Jack Sims	
Residence Life	Keith Moore	1 year term

Earth and Environmental Science (Faculty)	Elizabeth Malcolm	1 year term
Environmental Studies (Faculty)	Maynard Schaus	2 year term
Student Government Association (Student)	Nate Swann	1 year term
Student Environmental Awareness League (Student)	Vicki Brynildsen	2 year term

Faculty

Humanities	Larry Hultgren	3 year term
Math and Natural Science	Chris Haley	2 year term
Social Science	Bill Gibson	2 year term
At-Large	Doug Kennedy	3 year term
At-Large	Dave Garraty	3 year term

The Strategic Planning Task Force recommended that their task force be dissolved and an executive committee be created. The executive committee would be comprised of the PEIC chair and the task force chairs. The committee would have authority to act from May to September, would prepare agendas, and develop the budget. Jack moved that the Strategic Planning Task Force be dissolved, the task force's members be reassigned and an executive committee be created. Linda seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the PEIC.

New Business

Dr. Ferguson reported on the Barrier Islands Project. She indicated that they are trying to incorporate this project into freshman seminar.

It was reported that the College has received a \$50,000 grant from the Department of Conservation and Recreation to support the installation of a green roof on Smithdeal Hall.

Announcements

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.