

Sep 20, 2024 | Sustainability Advisory Council Meeting

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Attached files: Sustainability Council_Charge & Members_September 2024.pdf
SAC Agenda_ 09_20_2024.pdf

Meeting Leads: Taimur Cleary & Jes Thompson

Orientation

- **Assigned Terms (colored sticker on name tag)**
 - Green - 3-year term
 - Purple - 2-year term
 - Yellow - 1-year term
- **Introductions - Name & position on campus**
- **Upcoming Meetings**
 - Friday, October 25, 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. in Jamrich 1318
 - Friday, November 15, 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. in Jamrich 1318
- **Updated Guiding Principles from Okanagan Charter (on top of SAC website):**
 1. Use settings and whole system approaches
 2. Ensure comprehensive and campus-wide approaches
 3. Use participatory approaches and engage the voices of students and others
 4. Develop transdisciplinary collaborations and cross-sector partnerships
 5. Promote research, innovation, and evidence-informed action
 6. Build on strengths
 7. Value local and Indigenous communities' contexts and priorities
 8. Act on an existing universal responsibility

Creating Committees

- **New Strategic Plan - Our Compass**
 - Grand challenges
 - Supporting Our People
 - Partnering with Our Place
 - Realizing the Potential of All Our Students
 - Highlighted Strategy #4: “Assure successful progression of targets outlined in the NMU Carbon Neutrality Plan in order to embed sustainable values into all aspects of the University, including curriculum, operations, and external partnerships.”
 - Success Outcome: “Achieve AASHE STARS score of 85, earning the highest sustainability rating of Platinum.”
 - Strategic Doing Workshop: Tuesday, October 1, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 - Attend if you want to help write a Strategic Plan
- **Green Fund Committees**
 - Green Fund Intern, Delaney Frank, outlined what the Green Fund is.
 - Volunteers for Green Fund Committee: Sarah Mittlefehldt, Ryan Stock, Tracy Wascom, Jason Schneider, Delaney Frank,
 - Native Plant Nursery Intern, Grace Freed, outlined the project.
 - Maybe there is something to learn from success at the OLA
- **What Other Committees?**
 - Curriculum & Research Group
 - Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
 - [Climate Priority Action Plan](#)
 - [Climate Resiliency Action](#)
 - Advocacy, Accountability & Action on Campus

Reimagine the Sustainability Scholar Opportunity

- **How do we get people to apply?**
 - External form NMU - Visiting Scholar or Scholar in Residence?
 - Post after the Strategy Action Plan is developed?
 - This way there are clear goals and the plan is laid out for the scholar to find their passion.

Organizational Support Criteria & Process

- **How do we provide organizational support for various initiatives and projects?**
 - Feedback on the current draft of SHINE's [Organizational Support Criteria](#)
 - Is SHINE's Organizational Support Criteria document something the SAC votes on democratically?
 - Is there a sub-committee that can pivot very fast to accept/reject partnerships & collaborations?
 - How do we push these values further up the ladder?
 - SHINE could decide as a council to recommend a set of criteria like this to the NMU president's office

Student Group Reports

- **EcoReps**
 - Clothing Swap happened last Tuesday, volunteering at the Mind Over Miles WellBeing Event (zero-waste event)
- **Green Athletics - Maykaylee Kuhn**
 - Started last year & is central to pushing sustainable initiatives in the Athletic Department. Plans to do apparel swaps, zero-waste games, etc.
- **Renewable Energy Coalition - Parker**
 - Starting up in October
- **Bird-Safe Campus Proposal that may be ready for the next SAC meeting**

Other Updates

- Gender-Transformative Sustainability Action Plan coming soon
- Compost Crew is hiring!
- Lincoln Community Gardens
 - Department adopting a course to learn organic farming
 - Develop a magazine or documentary-style video on