

## Sustainability Advisory Council Meeting Notes

Jan 24, 2025



Attendees: Anna Solberg Brett Peterson Sager, Brandon  
Chelsey Cebulski Delany Frank Dana Hinckley Emily Leach Grace Freed Grace Listopad  
Derek Hall Heather Vivian Heejung Park Isabelle Honkomp Jelili Adebiyi Jes Thompson  
Kathy Richards Lehren Olk-Szost Mackenzie Geary Makaylee Kuhn Parker Ormsby  
Paige Whaley Randy Klitzke Sarah Bixby Sarah Mittlefehldt Susy Ziegler Tim Cleary  
Tod Poirier Tricia Bush Tracy Wascom

Not Present: ~~Abigail Wyche~~ ~~Caroline LaPorte~~ ~~Jason Schneider~~ ~~Ryan Stock~~ ~~Shawnreese Butler~~  
~~Tyler Dettloff~~ ~~Tesse Sayen~~ ~~Madeline Indermuehle~~ ~~Michael Koogle~~ ~~Rhea Dever~~ ~~Rich Vander Veen~~  
~~Bryant Varney~~ ~~Danielle Fegan~~ ~~David Nyberg~~ ~~Elizabeth Schneider~~ ~~Libby Myren~~ ~~Kolibri Drobish~~

### 1. Welcome

- Upcoming meetings: Feb. 14, March 14, April 11. All meetings will be in Jamrich 1320, 3:00-4:30 p.m.
- Zero Waste Hockey Games - First one Tomorrow! Jan. 25 vs. MTU (Feb. 21 Zero Waste Game is in partnership with Travel Marquette)

### 2. Clarification on Copperwood

- SAC/SHINE has never supported - and does NOT support the Copperwood Mine.
- Questions and/or input on the proposed draft letter to President Tessman
- We are sending a letter to President Tessman that SAC voted to oppose the copperwood mine project.
  - We will attach the [organizational support rubric](#) to the letter to President Tessman
- What are the methods for action regarding the opposition
  - Generate data supporting our opposition
  - Questions were made about decision-making for the SAC and campus more broadly. Opportunities to improve communication for future situations
  - Revisit the Organizational Support Rubric
    - Accountability Committee at the University level?
    - Facilitate More difficult conversations in the future
    - More space and opportunity for difficult conversations so multiple voices can be heard to work together
    - Discussed the potential outcome and result of writing the letter
    - Suggestion that data collection to monitor the impact of the mine (e.g., the Superior Watershed Partnership's community monitoring program for Eagle Mine)

### 3. Green Fund Projects

#### Green fund Committee

- Presentation on submissions & rankings
  - Noted with rankings from high to low:
  - Pollinator Project: install 10 overwintering habitats for pollinators
  - Bat Boxes: place bat boxes in forested areas on campus
    - EEGS student research can be implemented with this green fund
    - EcoReps would upkeep them (and could build them?)
  - Apartment Composting: composting program at Woodland Apartments
    - Already discussed with Partridge Creek compost & woodland park director
  - Bike share program: restart ASNMU bike share program
    - RecSports would be facilitating
    - ASNMU can help set it up
  - Bird Feeders: install bird feeders to the Native Plant Park in OLA
  - Refill station: install a wonderfill station in the link to make a vending machine of essential products without single-use packaging
  - Greywater system: implement a greywater system at the Jacobetti to reduce water usage and provide students a hands-on experience during the construction and maintenance of the project
  - Green roof: construct a green roof in the walkway between Jamrich and the new library to increase insulation and decrease energy usage
  - Outdoor Spaces: Install picnic tables in the academic mall to improve students' mental health, academic performance, and environmental connection
  - Green Grounds: switch gas-operated maintenance equipment to battery-operated/ electric hybrid counterparts
  - Consumer Composting: implementing composting bins with lids for the dining hall to sit out for all hours in the composting in the dining hall
- Need to consider maintenance and the exit strategy for each project
- SAC votes to move forward with top 5 proposed projects

### 4. Strategic Initiatives

#### Strategy Committee

- Campus Move Out Task Force (Action Item 1.4.4 - Anna Solberg)
  - The first task force meeting next week → Thursday, January 30 at 9 a.m.
  - Goal to decrease the amount of waste during move-out time
- Woodland Park Project / Hoop House move (1.4.13 - Susy Ziegler & Jes Thompson)
  - Hoop house move will be in May (expected to cost \$60,000)
  - Proposed grant application would include funding for a grad student to manage that space, development of a composting demonstration site, raised beds, some permaculture and a path through the woods
  - Still writing the proposal & waiting for funding
  - Will do a larger community-engaged visioning workshop for that space eventually
- Sustainability Summit (Action Item 1.4.12)
  - Schedule:  
Events in Forest Roberts Theater:  
10 to 11 am: keynote speakers Chef Bryan Flower and Courtney Gallaher from Northern Illinois University, discussing their Edible Campus

Poster Presentations in Jamrich Lobby:

10 am to 3 pm: explore sustainable projects happening on campus, and participate in feedback regarding NMU's Sustainability Action Plan

Events in Hedgcock Atrium:

11 am to 12 pm: Student Action Sustainability Panel

12 to 1 pm: Networking Buffet Lunch

Events in Jamrich 1318:

1 to 2 pm: Climate Change Jeopardy with Steve Waller

2 to 3 pm: Visiting Scholar Presentation, Sustainable Food Service in Schools by Dr. Virginie Noireaux

- Submit a poster [here!](#)

## 5. Outreach

### [Outreach](#) Committee

- Sustainability Summit (Feb. 18) and Design Jam (Feb. 19) + Peak Week events
- Water is Life Festival April 25, 2025 (Sarah Mittlefehldt & Tyler Dettloff)
  - Working Schedule:

<b>Time</b>	<b>Band/Performer/Activity</b>
7am	Sunrise Ceremony/Cultural trail walk w/ City Arts&Culture
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10	Climate March ?
11	Climate March, President Tessman address?
12	Panel of speakers ( <a href="#">Max Liboiron</a> , Carl Lindquist (SWP's 25th!), other water protectors?)
1	Earth Fest—tabling, interactive art, etc.
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4	Earth Fest—tabling, interactive art, etc.
5	Music Performance: Songwriters in the round
6	Music Performance: Full Band
7	MQT Fringe: performance art
8	Headliner

- Climate March & Sustainable Living Festival in April (Isabelle Honkomp)
  - Working Schedule:
    - Monday 4/21
      - 6- 7: 30 John, sisu movie- blackrocks?
    - Tuesday 4/22 Earth Day!
      - GTU trivia
    - Wednesday 4/23
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    - Thursday 4/24
      - 6-7:30 pm Citizens Climate Lobby Documentary
    - Friday 4/25 (last day of classes) (arbor day)
      - Sunrise Ceremony/Culture Walk
      - Climate March
      - Water is Life Festival
      - Music Performances
      - Earth Fest Tabling
    - Saturday 4/26
      - Co-op clean- up 11-2

## 6. Student Group Reports

- a. EcoReps & Compost Crew
  - Need more volunteers with zero waste game on Saturday
- b. Green Athletics
- c. Northern Climate Network
  - Will meet Jamrich 1320 on February 7, presenter is Dr. April Lindala, Ceremony and Storywork: How to decolonize contemporary climate narratives
- d. Northern Parulas: update next meeting
- e. Conservation Crew: update next meeting

## 7. Upcoming Events / Other updates/Good of the Order

- Always more than welcome to go to the meeting, send an email to Tim to bring up a topic to discuss.
  - Avenue to bring it up to the president (pass it up)
  - There does not need to be permission to have a conversation