Feb 14, 2025 | Sustainability Advisory Council Meeting

Attendees: Anna Solberg ~~Brett Peterson~~ Sager, Brandon Bryant Varney Caroline LaPorte ~~Chelsey Cebulski~~ ~~Danielle Fegan~~ Delany Frank Dana Hinckley ~~David Nyberg~~ Emily Leach ~~Elizabeth Schneider~~ ~~Libby Myren~~ Grace Freed Grace Listopad Heather Vivian Heejung Park ~~Ian Hogan~~ Isabelle Honkomp Jelili Adebiyi Jes Thompson Kathy Richards Kolibri Drobish Lehren Olk-Szost Mackenzie Geary Makaylee Kuhn ~~Madeline Indermuehle~~ ~~Michael Koogle~~ Parker Ormsby Paige Whaley Randy Klitzke Rhea Dever Rich Vander Veen Ryan Stock Sarah Bixby Shawnrece Butler Sarah Mittlefehldt Susy Ziegler Tim Cleary Tyler Dettloff Tod Poirier ~~Tesse Sayen~~ ~~Tricia Bush~~ Tracy Wascom ~~Abigail Wyche~~ ~~Derek Hall~~ ~~Jason Schneider~~

1. Welcome & Student Group Reports

- Welcome new member Ian Hogan (joining the March meeting because he's attending a conference at MSU this week).
    - Ian Hogan - Facilities
    - Will be leading Move-In / Move-Out Programming
- Upcoming meetings: March 14, April 11. All meetings will be in Jamrich 1320, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

2. Student Group Reports

- EcoReps
    - "Be kind to yourself" workshop with lip balm and lip scrub
    - Zero waste game with Green Athletics and Travel Marquette (through Respect Marquette Co & Leave No Trace)
- Compost Crew
    - Compost waste pick up is now twice a week!
    - Food contamination is low
    - Around 10,000-13,000 pounds of waste from the dining hall a month.
- Green Athletics
    - Zero waste game on Friday with Ecoreps and Travel Marquette (through Respect Marquette Co & Leave No Trace)
    - Tour 906 recycling facilities next week
    - Planning shoe drive for Earth Week
- Northern Climate Network
    - February 7: Climate at Noon with Dr. April Lindala
        - Great attendance!
    - March 14: Next climate at noon Dr. John Barch
- Northern Parulas

    - Not in attendance
- Conservation Crew
    - Not in attendance
- Others?

3. Green Fund Projects

Green fund Committee

- Projects are in review in the Finance & Admin office and some will be presented at the Sustainability Summit next Tuesday!
- Once officially approved, we'll begin implementation planning

4. Sustainability Summit

- The Sustainability Summit is all day next Tuesday, February 18
    - Faculty members, please ensure your students know about this and have the ability to attend as many events as possible within the Summit and greater Peak25
- Register online (free, but helps with numbers)
- Part of PEAK Week events (on Thursday & Friday, Feb. 20 & 21)
- Volunteers needed?
    - Jamrich Lobby between 8:30-10:00 am to help set up posters and easels.
    - Come for "Posters and Popcorn" at 3pm in Jamrich and stay to clean up!

5. Strategic Initiatives

Strategy Committee Updates

- Campus Waste Audit (Action Item 1.4.1 - Jelili Adebiyi)
    - Working with a group of students to audit all of the dumpsters across campus. This will help set a standard of where NMU is at in terms of waste creation. This data will create a "jumping off" point.
    - We're already getting numbers from waste management about how much we have in recycling and trash bins. It's currently about 50/50. We are unsure of what specifically is being diverted and how. We'll heavily be looking at contamination rates and what is contaminating the recycling specifically.
    - This project came out of another grant that was doing a waste audit.
    - They started this week!
- Campus Move Out Task Force (Action Item 1.4.4 - Anna Solberg & Ian Hogan)
    - They are just starting out on planning efforts - they've only had one meeting so far. But they're moving forward into this year's move out with the hope of simply gathering information - seeing where we are at and how to make progress over the summer for move-in, and into future years.

6. Outreach

Outreach Committee Updates

- Water is Life Festival April 25, 2025 (Sarah Mittlefehldt & Tyler Dettloff)
    - Promotional materials should be out after spring break
    - They're gathering bands and performers currently.
    - They could use help with promotions after they have bands and performers finalized. They'll be working in tandem with Earth Week
- Earth Week (4/21- 4/26) in April (Isabelle Honkomp)
    - Currently about 20 faculty / staff / students working together
    - Some events already planned out (at least 1 per day over the week)
    - About 20 organizations tabling on April 25 (student and community orgs)

Earth Week Schedule:

In the works:

- EcoReps stay pressed event
- Biology Department City Nature Challenge
- Music Department Concert

Throughout the week:

- Green Athletics: Shoe drive with Queen City Running Co.

Monday 4/21

- 6:30- 7:15 pm Climate Action Documentaries at Ore Dock

Tuesday 4/22 Earth Day!

- GTU trivia

Wednesday 4/23

- Ecoreps: Denim Swap for Denim Day with NMU Rotaract (For Sexual Assault Awareness)
- 6:30 pm Solar Panel Panel

Thursday 4/24

- 3:30- 5 pm 906 Recycling Tour
- 6 - 7:30 pm "True False Hot Cold" Documentary/Discussion

  Citizens Climate Lobby Documentary Siras Peter White Library- Shiras Room

Friday 4/25 (last day of classes) (arbor day)

- Water is life festival
    - Sunrise Ceremony/Culture Walk
    - Music Performances
    - Earth Fest Tabling

Saturday 4/26

- Food Co-op clean- up 11-2
    - In collaboration with GTU, Green Athletics, Conservation crew
    - Ecoreps: Stuff Swap with NMU Ripple Effect (3 Locations Across Campus)

7. Organizational Reflection Discussion

- Small group conversations reflecting on SAC's progress & next steps
    - What is our ideal vision for SAC?
    - What needs to be addressed/what can we do today to achieve that ideal vision?
        - Survey about some of these ideas before we go into this conversation/meeting.
        - Group agreements before we go into this meeting
            - Read up on the history of SAC with an institutional understanding
            - Direct communication with space to engage
            - Being kind & respectful
- Another meeting focused on this?
    - Having another meeting with more people in attendance and when we can dedicate more time to deeper discussion.
    - Having a meeting sooner than later would be helpful in aiding this conversation.
        - Doodle Poll for meeting date
    - Having a collaborative meeting with a "learning circle" method is an idea to format this meeting.

8. Upcoming Events / Other updates / Good of the Order

- SHINE Internship opportunities - hiring FOUR interns for the 2025-2026 academic year, with summer options.
- World Day of Social Justice-Feb. 20
    - For the future: having an event relating to social justice on this day would be great!
- Zero Waste Hockey Game next Friday, Feb. 21 - in partnership with Travel Marquette!
    - Sign up to volunteer here!
- NOMAD spring concert on March 29 - garden theme/sustainability-focused
- SHINE Book Club - led by Mack & Paige