Mar 14, 2025 | Sustainability Advisory Council Meeting

Attendees: ~~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 ~~Derek Hall~~ 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 ~~Anna Solberg~~ ~~Abigail Wyche~~ ~~Jason Schneider~~ ~~Paul Schoonveld~~

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1. Welcome

- Welcome new member Ian Hogan at the next meeting
- Upcoming meeting will be the last meeting of the year: **April 11 at 3:00 in Jamrich 1320**. Elections for chair & vice-chair.
    - Start thinking if you would like to be in one of these positions! Reach out to Jes, Tim or Gana if you have any questions or are interested in running.
    - Would like clarifications on the roles of each position.
        - Chair: Runs the meeting (facilitates the development of the agenda, writes/organizes formal recommendations from the Council)
        - Vice-Chair: fills in when the Chair is not available or has a conflict
        - Both Chair & Vice-Chair with Jes/AVP for Sustainability to set meetings & agendas
        - SHINE intern serves as note-taker/record keeper
- Follow-up from the February meeting
    - Current charge for Council (reviewed & voted on April 5, 2024)
    - Proposed Accountability (aka: Okanagan Principles) Committee
        - Or an action committee to make sure that SHINE is guided by the Okanagan Principles.
    - Still need to schedule follow-up conversation - **quick survey here**
        - Respond to this updated survey about the committee and to schedule an initial meeting.
        - Discussion about creating an expanded guiding document, e.g., bylaws, syllabus, or some type of committee handbook (like EcoReps).
        - SAC is organized in parallel with WAC (Wellbeing Advisory Council)

and MAC (Multicultural Advisory Council) all three are part of the "Okanagan Trio" in the People, Culture & Wellbeing Pillar. Each advisory council operates a bit differently, each has it's own history, but all have adopted the Okanagan Principles as philosophical guidelines for the three councils.

- **How are these different entities connected?** They report to the People, Culture & Wellbeing pillar - which works across multiple pillars, but is not housed within Academic Affairs or a particular union.
- **What can SAC do, and what can we not do?** SAC can share information and make recommendations. It is not a decision-making body, but a recommending and information-sharing body.
- **What are the Member expectations?** Members are expected to share information with the council and then share council information with their constituents across campus and the community.

2. Student Group Reports

- EcoReps
  - Monday, March 17, 1-4 pm Jamrich Atrium Clothing Swap
  - Friday, March 21: Creating seed paper
  - Tuesday, March 25: UP cycling event at the SHINE building to mend clothes
  - Friday, March 28: at the Gender fair
  - Saturday, March 29: Clothing Swap at Rock the Garden Concert for NOMAD
  - Partnering with the Diversity and Equity Department by providing fabric-to-stuff items for their crochet event.
- Compost Crew
  - Over a year of doing compost crew! Over 100,000 pounds of food waste diverted from the landfill
- Green Athletics
  - Planning events for Earth Week
  - Clothing swap bin in the Dome (currently for athletes & Athletctis staff)
  - Shoe drive: PEIF, Dome, Queen City running collaboration
    - Any athletic, laced shoes
  - Trash pickup with Marquete Food- Co-op (Saturday, April 26)
- Northern Climate Network
  - Friday, April 4: Dr. Jon Barch, Your Brain on Nature, Jamrich 1320, at Noon
  - Friday, April 18: Showcase of student work/projects, Details & Title Still in the works, Jamrich 1320, at Noon
- Northern Parulas

    - Campus monitoring during Bird Migration this spring
    - Marquette City Nature Challenge
- Conservation Crew
    - Not in attendance today.
- Renewable Energy Coalition
    - Solar Panel Panel w/former State Rep. Jenn Hill
    - Go to Superior Watershed Partnership to visit the panels there

3. Green Fund Team

Green fund Committee

- **The projects were approved!** All five will be implemented between now and August 2025
    - A lot of questions regarding composting at the apartments for only one year, but folks would like to see this opportunity to continue. However, this project is meant to be a pilot to see if students are interested and want to compost.
    - SHINE can continue to brainstorm how to continue these projects past one year that they are implemented.
    - Bat boxes, bird feeders, and pollinator overwintering homes are still being worked on for the locations.
- Begin brainstorming strategy to promote 2026 submissions (due Nov. 2025)

4. Sustainability Summit

- The Sustainability Summit was a success!
    - Celebratory Shout Out: Tyler's opening land acknowledgment!
        - This helped set the agenda and goals for the day.
    - Edible Campus keynote had 60+ audience members. Student panel & lunch had 75+ participants. Poster session was well attended & a lot of positive feedback.
        - Well attended!
        - A lot of different groups collaborated to make this a success and Anna's leadership and organization was key to making the entire event happen.
- Post-event survey summary & debrief for next year's planning is underway.

5. Strategic Initiatives

Strategy Committee Updates (Strategy Committee needs to meet this semester to revisit priorities and opportunities - Doodle poll is out to that group).

- Campus Waste Audit (Action Item 1.4.1 - Jelili Adebiyi)
    - Preliminary data suggests that dumpsters in the student areas are less contaminated than dumpsters in primarily staff and faculty member

areas; e.g., the levels of recycling contaminants in the staff and faculty member dumpsters are higher than the student dumpsters.
    - Great opportunity for an increase in education and awareness about what can be recycled and what is containment material in our recycling stream.
- Expanding Compost (Action Item 1.4.2) with Green Fund pilot for apartment composting (talked about earlier during GF discussion)
- Campus Move Out Task Force (Action Item 1.4.4 - Anna Solberg & Ian Hogan)
    - Ripple Effect, Ecoreps, Residents & Housing Life, all came together to plan this event.
    - Piloting collection and swap April 25 & 26; the Friday & Saturday before exam week
    - Gana's students are working to design a survey specifically about waste relating to move out.
- Lighting update (Action Item 1.4.5 – Kathy Richards) – Cohodas done; working on Weston Hall this summer
    - Working on designs for bids for Weston Halls
    - Then the common spaces, and residents halls are being done internally through NMU electricians
- Scope 3 (Action Item 1.4.6 - Kolibri Drobish)
    - Figuring out what data items (there are 15 parts to scope three) are available and feasible to start working on.
    - Kolibri updated the campus commuter survey in order to have data in the right values for the scope three emissions software we use - SIMAP (standard software for universities & colleges to do these calculations)
- Campus Sustainability Summit (Action Item 1.4.12) – hosted, reflecting & debriefing (discussed earlier)
- Woodland Park (Action Item 1.4.13)
  – hoop house move & collaboration with NMU Food Pantry
  - NMU hoop house is being moved to the woods near Woodland Park Apartments
  - This site will be bigger, better and more visible and accessible to students.
  - There will be a demonstration and actual composting at that site.
  - There is currently no timeline (beyond "sometime this summer) because Facilities & Grounds first needs to level the area, secure the electricity and water lines to the site. Once the site needs is prepared it will be developed. Certainly developed before Fall 2025 semester starts.
  - Students are eager to start seeds indoors, they are going to be planted in a classroom in the EEGS department.
  - Students can nurture those plants in the Biology Greenhouse until there is not any more frost.
  - NMU hoop house students are going to work with Lincoln community gardens to grow food this summer.
- Care for All Species (Action Item 1.4.14)

– Green Fund projects will help advance parts of of this
    - Bat boxes, overwintering pollinator homes, bird feeders
- Working towards being a bird-friendly campus through Northern Praublas
- Making sure there is food for pollinators all time of the years.

- Green Fund amplification (Action Item 1.4.15) – Does the Green Fund team have recommendations?

6. Outreach

Outreach Committee Updates

- Water is Life Festival April 25, 2025 (Sarah Mittlefehldt & Tyler Dettloff)
    - Supa Man and Marquette Fringe will be performing in the afternoon at Hedgecock
    - There will be active art elements like painting on a canoe, and showcase of artwork with a celebration of water for campus members. There will be a student tabeling project as well.
    - One event will highlight the City Arts and Cultural Trail too
    - At noon (12-1 p.m.) there will be a panel discussion with local leaders and water protectors.
    - Working as a part of Anderton's Earth Week
- Anderton's Earth Week (April 20th through April 26th) in April (Isabelle Honkomp)

- There are 12 events that are going to be advertised as a part of Anderton's Earth Week.
    - At least five different departments on campus are involved in Earth Week Planning: Biology, Music department, Art department, EEGS, and CNAS
- Check out more details on the website as we start advertising it: https://nmu.edu/shine/andertons-earth-week
- As a part of the Water is Life festival we currently have 14 (and probably more) organizations who are going to table during this event.
- We are working on advertising these events
    - International Okanagan Charter Week - also scheduled for April 21-25, 2025
    - International health promoting networking.
    - Invite and include wellbeing into these events and spaces for Anderton's Earth Week

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

- UNITED Conference is next week!
    - On Tuesday, March 18th from 1-2 pm Jelili Adebiyi will be working with traveling scholars about a panel discussion about "Learning and Leading Aquaponics Together to Foster Nutrition and Food Security in the Upper Peninsula"

    - On Tuesday, March 18th from 2:15- 3:15 pm Keith Smith (Traditional Healther) and Val Smith (Traditional Helper) with present an Anishinaabe Traditional Medicine General Session
- March 18 - WellBeing Fair - Northern Center - 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
    - Occuring with the UNITED Conference; stop by to see multiple tables with all 8 dimensions of wellbeing represented by different campus and community organizations
- SHINE Internship opportunities - hiring FOUR interns for the 2025-2026 academic year, with summer options. Jes will send PPT slide for faculty to share with students
- NoMAD spring concert on March 29 - garden theme/sustainability-focused
- SHINE Book Club - led by Mack & Paige

**Other *Good of the Order* notes were integrated into the notes in section 1. Welcome, because they focused on the follow-up to the February meeting.