**Sustainability Advisory Council Minutes**
**10/17/25**

## 1. Orientation

a. Welcome
   - Land Acknowledgement
      b. Tyler gave a Land Acknowledgement, sharing the Anishinaabe language with SAC.
   - Meeting recordings on Panopto
   - Agenda, notes & reports on SAC website
      - E.g., the minutes from the September meeting are here
      - Good of the Order is here

c. Upcoming meetings
   - Friday, November 14, 10-11:30 a.m. in Jamrich 1318
   - Friday, January 23, 10-11:30 a.m.
   - Friday, February 20, 10-11:30 a.m.
   - Friday, March 20, 10-11:30 a.m.
   - Friday, April 10, 10-11:30 a.m.

## 2. Student Org Reports

a. What are student orgs interested in?
   i. Tom Rapp (ASNMU) - He's been going to a lot of student organization meetings to hear what students are most concerned about and to hear their questions. Students are worried most about funding. He wanted to share that budget requests will be looked at based on the event.
   ii. Alex Barrones (Move NMU) - Unfortunately, he was Wanted to share that he was biking to class at Jacobetti at Wright St near roundabout (he's okay). Worried about how other students would be discouraged around heavy traffic and fear of cars. As we try to encourage students to walk, bike, ride… we need to ensure our infrastructure and education leaves

students safe and not vulnerable. How can the university work more closely with the city to ensure that around campus is as safe as possible?

iii. Janelle Harris (Renewable Energies Coalition) - They're reviving this group. Had first meeting earlier this week! In the past, the group wanted to work with ReVolve to get solar for nonprofits, so they're working on connecting and finding a nonprofit to get them solar energy! They're on The Hub and working to build!

iv. Berkeley Thompson (NMU Citizens Climate Lobby) - Reviving this club and partnering with the community group. Primary mission is looking at legislative actions and how to get people involved with lobbying our legislators and building awareness around climate action. Find them on The Hub.

b. What events and initiatives are they working on?

i. Top Rapp (ASNMU) - Currently working on a potluck with NASA, ASNMU, and ASU.

ii. Abby Owen (Hoop House) - events coming up around food and knowledge. On Monday they taught students how to make and preserve jam. Upcoming events are up on The Hub: Salsa Verde Workshop, Pickling Event, Sauerkraut Event near Thanksgiving. They have an abundance of potatoes and are planning on making potato pancakes (hopefully a fundraiser).

1. They spoke with Jes about how to move forward with reserving the Hoop Houses as event spaces. More guidance to come.

iii. Taryn Andersen (EcoReps) - Campus Cleanup, crafting during weekly meetings, made seed paper and used for Treat Yourself Day for people to write positive messages for others.

iv. Taylor Kenyon (Conservation Crew) - October 24 @ 10am: going to Presque Isle and doing a , Oct 26 @ 2:30 pm: North Country Trail clean up on their section,

Oct 31 @ 11am: Halloween Hike (unsure of location). These can all be found on The Hub.

v. Alex Barrones (Move NMU) - Hosted a skillbuilder last week about educating students on how walkable and bikeable Marquette is. They also shared about Marq Tran. Attended Marq Tran board meeting. Tabling on Wed and Thur mornings in Jamrich to share maps of bus and bike routes.

## 3. Director's Report

a. Update from SHINE Director / AVP Sustainability

b. Tom Raap - Question about the SHINE office and what the old location will be.

- SHINE's old building has been demolished to make room for on-campus apartments. The current two conference rooms being used are simply on loan to SHINE, and will likely go back to being conference rooms.

c. Insights from the University's leadership team

## 4. Committee Reports

a. Strategy 1.4 Team

i. The plan will **NOT** change with a new president.

1. Thanks to everyone who showed up for the presidential search events!
2. Dr. Chris Olsen will be the next president. Jes does believe that he is supportive of sustainability (and even asked where our wind power is!). Jes feels confident that we'll be able to continue sustainability with support from our new president.

ii. They have identified 5 primary focus areas to work on right now.

1. Conduct a baseline assessment to understand what is in NMU's waste stream; set targets to reduce the

amount sent to landfill, increase recycling, and compost diverted from landfill.

2. Develop robust campus move-out and move-in programming that diverts waste from the landfill; repurposes home goods & student-owned furniture; and properly recycles cardboard, electronics, and other materials.
3. Convert 50% of all the lighting on NMU's campus to be LED by 2030 (approx. 12,500 MWh of electricity is purchased per year for campus lighting); 100% by 2040.
4. Installation of a 75kW solar array on the roof of the new WellBeing Center (could provide 80,000 kWh/year).
5. Create a sustainable living demonstration area with food, forests, and Indigenous traditions and practices

b. Green Fund Review & Implementation
    i. Mattea met with the EEGS Department to discuss collaboration. Now the Green Fund is an official part of the EEGS Department website.
    ii. The Green Fund will be displayed on tvs across campus beginning soon.
    iii. Many proposals have already been submitted (Examples: free book library, light pollution blockers on outdoor lighting, seed library, rain garden, and more to come!).
    iv. During each EcoReps meeting, they have open discussion and question time for attendees to talk about the Green Fund, discuss ideas, and ask questions.
c. Outreach Committee
    i. The committee had their first meeting on October 6 to discuss some initial brainstorming ideas around the

Sustainability Summit. They also shared ideas on how SAC can do better at campus and the community.

ii. Janelle Harris will be chairing the Outreach Committee!

d. Bee Campus Committee - *no update*

e. Research Committee

i. Chelsey sent out an email about the Research Committee to those interested, and will send a follow up soon. Anyone additionally interested can reach out to Chelsey. She'll work to schedule a meeting in early November.

## 5. Good of the Order

a. 🍁Cassidy Gibson (ASNMU student body president) - working on getting PR out about the bikeshare! Taking pictures at the end of the week and sharing with students about what's available!

b. 🍁Taimur Cleary - He saw the canoe from the Water is Life festival! They're putting waterproof stickers on the canoe in the Art and Design building.

c. 🍁Dave Nyberg - Rural Leadership Fellowship Program: Tries to answer the question how do we support rural communities that have ideas for big projects, but don't have the capacity…while also supporting students interested in economic development? They're in their third year of funding and applications just went live! 100% free tuition and fee scholarship with $15,000 stipend available (as $5,000 each semester). Applications close November 16.

d. 🍁Tyler Detloff - Indigenous Perspectives Symposium on October 23. This year's theme is food! There will be many presentations and a great way to learn about traditional ecological knowledge. PLEASE register ahead of time!

e. 🍁Tesse Sayen - October 30: Buzz Sessions. Starting at 4:30 in Reynolds Recital Hall. There will be many faculty presentations,

but there's one more spot available if any faculty member is interested. After 1 hour of presentations, the student orchestra will perform for about 20 minutes, and then there will be a reception.

f. 🍁Anna Solberg - Thank you all! I've had the best time at NMU working with people who are truly passionate about making NMU sustainable, caring for our students, and stewarding the land and lake that we love so much. I'm sad to leave, but am excited to continue seeing all of the wonderful work that comes out of SAC and the work being done by those in this room. Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of this.