Nov 14, 2025 | Sustainability Advisory Council

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Attached files:
SAC Agenda_ 11_14_2025.docx.pdf
SHINE Directors Report_November 2025_UPDATED.pdf

1. Welcome & Orientation

- Meeting recordings on Panopto
- Agenda, notes & reports on SAC website
- Four meetings scheduled for the upcoming semester (Location TBD, Maybe Harden?):
  - 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.
- Celebrate graduating SHINE senior Grace Freed! patience and kindness, Bluebird Award for Conservation Leadership, symbol of hope, happiness, beauty, humility. Once an endangered species, but citizens preserved them- exactly what Grace has done to support biodiversity on our campus!

2. Student Org Reports

- **ASNMU**- recognizing new org, MoveNMU, conversations about rideshare apps, break bus, proposal, and app- next semester. The bike share program closed, but fat tires can soon be rented at the PEIF/ORC.
- **EcoReps**- Panel featuring a variety of NMU's Sustainable Student Orgs (11/18), Final meeting with J and H Forest Farm, TerraCycle collection event in Jamrich (11/19)
- **Renewable Energy Coalition**- meeting bi-weekly, Sustainable Citizen Badge SkillBuilder, non-profits for Revolve
- **MoveNMU**- tabling event in Jamrich, passed out MarqTran routes, TuneUp Tuesday this Tuesday (Bates Bikes and QuickStop)- at the campus trailhead, in front of the Lodge (2-5pm).
- **Hoop House**- Hoop House workday cancelled due to snow. Workshops have been going good, running second pickling workshop (11/20 from 6-7pm at Woodland Park)

- **PlantFuture**- Tabling for feedback on food systems, joining EcoReps next week, final meeting destressing (12/4 from 4-5:30pm)

3. Director's Report

- Full details in the monthly, Director's Report online
- PAWS- Performance Audit of Workplace Sustainability- inspiration from other schools and office wants for compost, recognizing offices for great things, enhance action
- Decarbonizing Campus- Avery crunching data, campus has gone up, monitoring the data, have commitment, 1000 metric tons off from 2030 goal, some efficiencies and a lot of progress. More reduction, the less we have to account for
- Recycling and Compost Intern- Job posting out there, pilot programs, training, front facing work
- Sustainability Summit- March 25-27, 2026, Collaborating with Peak26 and UNITED conference, cross-listed events, call for proposals coming soon…
- Green Fund- Almost all projects have been implemented, plan to get signs up
- Strategy 1.4- Continuing work towards five priority goals for 2025-2026
- Classroom Collaborations- Dr. Lucy Miller with the environmental campaigns - students presenting final projects on Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 2 p.m. in Harden 108 - let Jes know if you'd like to attend.
- MI Healthy Climate Corps- NMU was not selected to host, but applications open for Marquette County and UPLC - NMU students should apply!
- Grants- continuing to work to get money
- SHINE is moving to 310 Harden!

4. Committee Reports

- **Strategy 1.4**- Focusing on waste reduction, energy efficiency, solar on the well being, Woodland Park area… Woodland Park Area is really moving forward due to the Hoop House, so much collaboration!
- **Green Fund**- Submission form is so active, 18 submissions expecting 2 or 3 more, hopeful that a lot of them will get implemented. Air quality monitoring, flax seed plot, replacing showerhead, updating signage, green roof, installing composting bins, alternative grasses, Hoop House intern, native plant signs…(Nov. 21 deadline)
- **Outreach Committee-** Sustainability Summit collaborative (25-27th), all events at the Northern Center, United and Peak have set up a schedule with keynote speakers and break out session, ideas of Sustainability Citizen Badge, Sustainability Walking Tour
- **Bee Campus**- Committee created, in a bit of a red tape zone about the application, Ashlyn is meeting with Andy today, the committee needs someone from Grounds…
- **Research Committee**- trying to schedule a meeting, need someone to take over the reigns, January hitting it hard to see where things can go!

5. Good of the Order

- Sustainability Report- Take extra copies of 2024 published, working on the 2025 one
- Brand new SHINE giveaway - plantable pencil - take one!
- CNAS- more than human relative workshop, teachings about cedar, hoping to host more workshops (could include plants, animals, stones, water, etc)

- David Nyberg- Rural Leadership Fellowship Program- developing students, applied learning, community development, community readiness, planning. Supporting rural communities that have capacity constraints, plan for smart sustainable growth, third cohort beginning in January. Student Fellows have been incredibly successful. (Deadline is Sunday at Midnight). Student Fellows are selected first and then the projects are paired with them (a lot of the time the student picks it). One full year- open to graduate and undergraduate students
- Alex- Citizen for a Clean and Safe Lake Superior, got an award for vape recycling, locations on Kenny's, got grant funding for vape recycling, probably one at NMU (public safety)
- Mattea- Compost Crew has grown! Other employees are willing to compost. More than 1000 pounds each week. People waste a lot of food, and dining throws away pans of food, frozen food thrown away. Hope this can change with the new intern!
- Avery- Outdoor Rec offering an eco-friendly ski waxing event- to be scheduled in the beginning of the winter semester, probably as early as January.
- Tim/Tyler- Canoe finally left the art building, hearing more about the boat out on the water, SAL did get a really great job of creating the art to stickers, Water is Life Festival- End of April
- Leah- workshop on mending/sewing, open sewing hours in new building, collabs with Hoop House