Final Meeting Minutes
Approved January 14, 2019

December 10, 2018

Absent:
Nate Brower, Jim Lowe, Michelle O’Malley, Michael Mayfield,
John Ludwick, Ken Hall, Ruth Jefferson, Tom Heck, Ashley
Hutchison, Julie Borgmann, Jon Creek, Ann Clevenger, Augusta
Isley

Guests:  Brian Stutz, Angiemar Naranjo, Sam Matel, Susan
Coston, David Koscikulek and Annette Rose

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by the Chair, Bob

There was not a quorum present, therefore the approval of the
November minutes was postponed until the January 2019
meeting.

Program Presentation

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Brian Stutz and Angiemar Naranjo presented results from the
Fall Residence Hall Energy Challenge.  This year the Energy
Challenge was organized by the Residence Hall Association and
ran from November 1-19.  The title of this fall’s challenge was
“Watt Watch”.  The winner of the challenge, Lafollette, received
a Buffalo Wild Wings party. Runners-up were Kinghorn and
Elliott.  Due to a technical issue with the monitoring equipment,
Dehority was unable to compete.

The group felt the challenge was successful and is looking to
organize a second challenge during the spring semester, possibly
immediately following Spring Break.  In response to student
feedback, they are also investigating ways to possibly include
water use in future challenges.  Additionally in student feedback
they found that residents felt more aware of energy use as a
result of the challenge.

Annette Rose introduced some students from her Spring 2018
SUST 330 Immersive Learning Course entitled Measuring and
Reporting Sustainability. These students produced the 2016
Ball State University GRI Report during the Spring 2018 semester. The group
outlined their process in obtaining the information necessary for the report. They
thanked Julie Hopwood for her assistance in Business Affairs. There are now
145 universities, of which 31 are in the United States, who participate in GRI
reporting.

Celebrate

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Bob announced that the Fall Immersive Learning Showcase was held today.
He shared a spreadsheet of Immersive Learning Projects from Spring and Fall
2018. Projects with sustainability content were marked as such. It was suggested
that additional columns indicating the different types of sustainability would be
helpful (social, economic and environmental) and may give a better view of how
sustainability is embedded in the projects.

Facilitate

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Bob announced that the Sustainability Maturity Assessments are being returned
very slowly. We will give units some more time before collating the information.

Bob shared with the group that this year’s STARS report would be submitted on
a Reporting only basis. AASHE has requested additional information which
BSU cannot supply. As a result BSU will need to change the filing status on
those credits to “not pursuing”. The majority of this information pertains to
written BSU Policy as opposed to practices. The change to Reporting Only
status will give BSU time to address the policy issues and submit again next year.

Members Reports

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Anticipate

Bob shared information on Recyclemania with the group and urged them to
forward to any student group who may be interested.

Green Funding Specialist

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No Report
Web Manager

No report.

Other

This was the final meeting for Jon Creek and Lohren Deeg who are cycling off COTE this year. Bob thanked them both for their service.

John Taylor announced that the Field Station Environmental Education Center will be offering Wildland Fire Fighting training in the spring. The course will carry 3 credit hours.

Bob shared 2 videos with the group. Both videos were from Sir Richard Attenborough and discussed climate change and the natural world.

Next meeting will be January 14, 2018

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.