The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by the Chair, Bob Koester. Bob welcomed members and guests.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the February 20, 2017 meeting. The motion to approve was passed.

**Program Presentation**

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Michelle Whitehair and Quintin Thompson gave a presentation on the 2015 Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Report completed by their immersive learning group with Dr. Annette Rose. Ball State is one of 8 universities participating in GRI Reporting. This is Ball State’s 6th GRI Report. Some members of the immersive learning team will travel to Maryland to present the report to the Smart and Sustainable Campuses Conference. This travel is made possible by an immersive learning grant from the Provost’s Office. The full report can be found on the [BSU Sustainability](http://www.bsu.edu/cote) web page.

**Celebrate**

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Bob announced that AASHE published an article in the AAHSE Bulletin about the BSU Campus Bicycle Master Plan.

Sheryl Swingley shared news that EMDD project team is attending the World Water Day WaterShed conference in The Vatican. She will have more to report later.

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**Facilitate**

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Lohren Deeg, James Shimkus and Quintin Thompson gave their sub-committee report on Commuter Connect/Carpooling.

They reported that Indy Commuter Connect is a vanpool service for residents of Central Indiana Regional Transit Authority (CIRTA) counties. Delaware County is not one of those counties but employees living in Indianapolis who commute to Muncie may be able to participate.

The committee reported that another transportation option may be Hoosier Ride which took over the local Greyhound Service.

The committee recommended that Ball State join Commuter Connect to facilitate use by any Ball State employees commuting from Indianapolis. The committee will prepare a formal resolution for consideration by the full council.

One COTE Award nomination was received. The nomination was for the Oakwood Retreat Center to receive an Exemplar Award. After a brief discussion, the vote to make the award passed.

Bob reminded members that additional nominations would be accepted for consideration at the next meeting.

Earth Day activities have not been confirmed at this point, therefore the staging of the award presentation is still undecided.

Sheryl Swingley announced that the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is accepting scholarship applications from nontraditional students (25 years old + and enrolled as a full-time student). Applications are due April 10. The scholarship amount is $1500.00. Contact Diane Hill dehill330@att.net for additional information.
Members Reports
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Barry Banks’, Ann Clevenger’s, Michael Mayfield’s and Annette Rose’s reports were rescheduled.

Mitchell Gauger reported on behalf of the BSU Foundation. Mitch shared the new Legacy Endowment Investment Option, an option for Legacy endowment donors, an Endowed Legacy-B fund. The dollars given are invested in the Global Impact Portfolio. Earnings above spending and fees are retained for future growth.

Mitch shared additional funding information and activities of the Foundation personnel.

Mallory Thatch, representing SGA, reported on continued work to insure residence hall recycling. The SGA is also working to increase awareness of the Minnetrista Farmers Market and the campus garden located behind the Student Center. John Taylor offered that NREM may have some plant “starts” available for use in the garden.

Jon Creek, reporting for the Audubon Society, noted work continues on the 5-year Hartford City Wilderness Project.

Anticipate


John Vann and Sheryl Swingley encouraged members to attend the AWAKEN fund raiser, April 1st. The group raises funds for a clinic in Afghanistan. John and Carolyn Vann will be speaking about their experience in Afghanistan while working with the Peace Corps.

Green Initiatives Coordinator
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No report.

Web Manager

No report.

Other

John Taylor shared that he had attended the IRC meeting in Ft. Wayne. The topic of discussion was a rate increase. John also advised members that there will be a hearing in the State Senate Energy Commission on March 22. The topic of the hearing will be Net Metering.

Next meeting will be April 17, 2017

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm

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