Approved
September 16, 2019
Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2019

Absent:
Ruth Jefferson, Julie Borgmann, Michael Mayfield (sub), Nate Brower, Ro Anne Royer Engle, John Emert, Michelle O’Malley, Ashley Hutchison, Betty Brewer

Guests: Ted Irwin, Spencer Martin, Emily Peterson, Diane Kallmeyer (sub for Michael Mayfield)

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

The minutes from the January 14, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Program Presentation
Full version available: Members Area of the Cote Website: www.bsu.edu/cote
Bob Koester gave the Council a brief presentation on how he and Peggy prepared findings for OP-1 in the STARS Study. OP-1 is the Greenhouse Gas Emissions credit. Bob explained the extracted the information from the assigned comparison schools and then selected IU as an additional comparison. This was to give members of the Council an example to help in their own preparation of their STARS Study credits.

The examples are available in the Members Area of the COTE webpage.

Celebrate
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Bob congratulated student Emily Wright who was awarded 2 Bronze medals in the Society of News Design’s Best of Digital Design/World Best 2019 Competition.

Bob shared that in February he, Tom Heck and Dr. Rivera-Mills had all attended the 2019 Higher Education Leadership Summit in Phoenix. Bob and Tom both reflected that they felt the group gathered some very useful information at the Summit. During the Summit, Tom Heck was appointed to serve as a member of the Intentional Endowments Network (IEN) Advisory Board.

Bob reminded the Council of the House Climate Sign-On Letter.

Bob reminded the group that the White River film documentaries debuted February 19 at Minnetrista.

Bob reminded the Council that the new STARS website and Benchmarking Tool have launched.

Facilitate
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One nomination for a COTE Green Initiatives Award was received. The nomination for Sharyl Grant and her work providing fresh herbs for Woodward Dining was approved unanimously.

Bob advised that group that the deadline for nominations had been extended. Any additional nominations must be received by April 5, 2019.

Members Reports
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No reports this evening.

Members are asked to present an oral summary of their findings from their STARS Study assignment at the next meeting, April 8, 2019.

Anticipate
A CALL TO ACTION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION LEADERSHIP: At the 2019 Higher Education Leadership Summit, over 20 university presidents released a Call to Action for Higher Education Leadership with eight guiding principles for accelerating equitable and just climate solutions. These principles were reflected in the Summit program, with brainstorm, panels, and small-group action planning focused on the nuts and bolts of how to be an effective anchor institution driving local sustainability, how to align endowment investments with institutions’ full ambition for a just transition to a low-carbon economy, and how to work effectively with other sectors – including by being a convener of more inclusive decision-making on sustainability.

Green Funding Specialist
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Augusta announced that the next White River Clean-up is scheduled for March 20, 6-8pm. Participants are to meet at the Guardian Brewery.
Web Manager

No report.

Other
Julie Hopwood announced that plastic bag use in dining has decreased 25% in the last 2 years.

Tom Collins announced that Ball State has qualified for the Solar Decathlon Design Challenge. 2 teams will participate; 1 working with Habitat for Humanity and 1 working with EcoRehab.

Next meeting will be April 8, 2019

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.