Approved
November 6, 2017

Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2017

Absent:
Brock Hagerman, Ro Anne Royer Engle, Mitchell Gauger, James Shimkus, Michael Mayfield, John Ludwick, Ruth Jefferson (sub Lauren Bassette).

Guest: David Koscivlek (student)

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

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the August 28, 2017 meeting. The motion to approve was passed.

Jeff jumped to and guided members through the Anticipate portion of the agenda before Bob Koester’s arrival.

Program Presentation
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Bob discussed giving a presentation (available on the members side of the COTE website) about the university’s sustainability reporting. This led into a discussion of the upcoming work on the STARS Report due September 2018 and the new round of unit-level sustainability planning.

Bob announced that President Mearns has appointed a STARS Report Steering Committee to facilitate all the information gathering needed for the reporting. Members of COTE will be asked to contribute with their annual COTE reporting.

Celebrate
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No new items to report.

Facilitate
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Discussion of the Green Roof Resolution [for AJ/CICS/Letterman], which had been presented at the last meeting, was opened. Jim Lowe immediately advised the group that any roof on campus, the specific roofs included, that were not built specifically to accommodate a green roof were not structurally able to do so. He offered that the new College of Health has been designed to accommodate a green roof as will future new buildings.

In light of that information, the discussion on the resolution was closed.

Bob reminded the group of the request for names of possible Muncie Business people who might be interested in joining COTE. The question was asked if the person had to be a business person or would a member of city government be acceptable? The discussion was generally in favor of either a business person or a member of city/county government. Several names were offered as candidates, Jeff Daniels (Toyota of Muncie), Arron Kidder (City of Muncie) and Kyle Johnson (Delaware County GIS). Bob will work to contact these people and will continue to accept suggestions as well.

The question of providing an on-campus distribution point for Blue Bags to students who live off campus was brought to the Council. Jason Donati, Muncie Sanitary District, was contacted and shared that he would like to make Blue Bags available to off campus students but had been told previously that he would not be allowed to place a “cage” for distribution of the bags on campus. Julie Hopwood offered that the university would be happy to discuss other alternative distribution means. It was suggested that the bags could be kept behind the information desk in the Student Center, Bracken Library and/or the Rec Center. Bob and Peggy will meet with Jason to discuss such options.

Members Reports
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There were no member reports.
Anticipate

The NCSE 2018 National Conference and Global Forum will be held January 23-25, 2018 in Washington DC. Ball State has 5 conference registrations available.

The Moving Forward 3.0 Workshop will be held in East Chicago, November 17, 2017

David Orr will host The State of American Democracy at Oberlin, November 15-17, 2017.

Upcoming Webinar Drawdown-60 Minutes with Paul Hawkin, October 4, 2017, 1:15

Green Funding Specialist
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No Report

Green Initiatives Coordinator
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No report.

Web Manager

No report.

Other

None.

Next meeting will be November 6, 2017

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm