Final
Approved March 11, 2019
Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2019

Absent: Charles Allen, Ruth Jefferson (sub), James Shimkus, Julie Borgmann, Michael Mayfield, Karen Adkins, Nate Brower, Ro Anne Royer Engle

Guests: Laura Bassett, Dr. Jill S.M. Coleman, Lauren Hunter, Rachel Stenger, Ted Irwin

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

The minutes from both the November 12, 2018 and the December 10, 2018 meetings were both reviewed and approved.

Program Presentation
Full version available: Members Area of the Cote Website: www.bsu.edu/cote

Our own Dr. Jill Coleman gave a presentation on the Indiana Climate Change Impacts Assessment. Dr. Coleman is a member of the BSU Department of Geography faculty and the Indiana Climate Change Impacts Assessment Group working closely with the Purdue Climate Change Research Center.

Dr. Coleman discussed the trend of steadily increasing global temperatures with impacts such as glacier retreat in Glacier National Park, thinning Arctic Sea ice and rising sea levels globally. The implications for Indiana are milder winters, more like southern Virginia and hotter summers, more like northeast Texas by 2050.

Dr. Coleman’s full Power Point presentation can be found in the members area of the COTE website.

Members Reports
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No reports

Anticipate
Bob shared information on a new STARS benchmarking tool to be made available soon from AASHE.

Green Funding Specialist
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No Report

Web Manager
No report.

Other

Next meeting will be February 11, 2019

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.

Bob announced there are many Sustainability Maturity Assessments that have not yet been returned. Bob urged Council members to reach out once again to their constituents and urge them to complete and return the assessments.

Bob shared a notebook containing the returned assessments and advised Council members that the data received from the assessments would be compiled in a workable spreadsheet once the collection was complete.

Bob announced that members will be asked to work in teams of two to review specific STARS credits in order to get a better idea of where improvements in reporting for Ball State can be made. Each team of 2 will be asked to examine 2-3 credits. These credits will be ones that Ball State was not able to score well in and should be compared to other higher performing STARS institutions. Further details will be sent to members in upcoming days.