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Meeting Notes for September 18, 2014 (SLTC 105, 7 PM)

Chair: Elisa Rivera (riveraep@hendrix.edu)

Vice-Chairs: Hanna Davis, Programs (davishl@hendrix.edu)

William O'Brochta, Campaigns (obrochtawj@hendrix.edu)

Members in Positions of Responsibility:

Coco Guillot	Apartments	Nick York	Secretary/Treasurer
Kevin Krajcir	Market Square/Off-Campus	Lauren Long	Couch
Abby Gatmaitan	Martin	Pearl Jangjiravat	Raney
Evan Rivera	Hardin	Erica Benoit	Veasey
Shameela Khimani	Galloway	Kaylee Davis	New Student
Peiwen Sheng	Houses	Mimi Rebein	New Student
		Annie Meek	New Student

General Members:

1. Call to Order (7:00 PM) with Introductions
2. Outline of today's (September 18<sup>th</sup>) meeting.
3. Attendance taken by Secretary/Treasurer.
4. Minutes from the last meeting approved.
5. Report by the ECC Chair
  - a. Elisa introduced Glen Hook ('91), the Arkansas Sierra Club Director.
    - i. See "Point 9."
6. Report by ECC Vice-Chair, Campaigns
  - a. As of Thursday 315 students have taken the Sustainability Fund survey.
  - b. The Sustainability Fund would work through a nominal fee (between \$5 and \$20) charged to students similar to the Student Activity Fee.
  - c. The survey indicated that the majority of respondents favored a \$20 fee (amounting to \$55,000 a year). 92% of respondents were willing to pay some amount of money.
  - d. The Sustainability Fund would be managed via a committee composed of faculty and students who would review proposals seeking funds. It would function like a Campus Committee (i.e., separate from Senate Committees). It would report directly to the President's Office.
  - e. The Sustainability Fund would fund projects promoting sustainability at Hendrix College (e.g., energy audits, retrofits/renovations, etc.). The fund would mainly support capital cost and would leave operations to Facilities.
  - f. William welcomes all new officers and new student representatives! See the above list for the names of the new reps.
7. Report by ECC Vice-Chair, Programs



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- a. Hannah will be purchasing additional dishes for the Dish Share Program due to a high number of requests this semester.
8. Housing representative reports.
  - a. Report by ECC Apartments Representative
    - i. Absent
    - ii. Still in the process of acquiring additional recycling bins.
    - iii. Received approval from the cafeteria to begin plate-scraping on Thursdays. We expect between 80-100lbs of compost every Thursday. In the process of contacting people who can take the compost and arranging transportation of it.
  - b. Report by ECC Martin Hall Representative
    - i. Absent
  - c. Report by ECC Hardin Hall Representative
    - i. Evan Rivera officially introduced as the new Hardin Hall Representative for the ECC.
    - ii. Contacted Hardin Hall Senator
  - d. Report by ECC Galloway Hall Representative
    - i. The Green Team successfully collected 15~ bags of recycling at the football game!
    - ii. Email Shameela if you are interested in signing-up for the football game.
    - iii. Waiting for cooler weather before contacting the recycling center to arrange a tour.
  - e. Report by ECC Houses Representative
    - i. Absent
  - f. Report by ECC Couch Hall Representative
    - i. Signage has remained posted in Couch.
    - ii. Clarification: cardboard should be bagged to aid workers in taking it out for recycling. Cardboard with an excessive amount of tape cannot be recycled.
    - iii. Sent in a work order to fix a leaking faucet.
  - g. Report by ECC Raney Hall Representative
    - i. Environmental Spirit Dorm Decorating, need sign-ups
    - ii. ECC member to come do the judging
  - h. Report by ECC Veasey Hall Representative
    - i. Absent
    - ii. Signage for recycling bins needed in Veasey.
  - i. Report by ECC Market Square Representative
    - i. Kevin has put a board up on his door advertising ECC meetings and encouraging environmentally-friendly practices.
    - ii. Can drop off ink cartridges and batteries at Kevin's door.
    - iii. Recycling signage has been posted.



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- iv. Will be contacting Conway Sanitation to request glass recycling bins at the Village.
- j. Report by ECC New Student Representatives
  - i. Nothing to report.
- 9. Presentation given by Glen Hooks.
  - a. Glen Hooks is a Hendrix Alum ('91) who was involved with the ECC. He was waitlisted for law school; during this time he worked on numerous political campaigns. Afterward he attended law school, but decided he was not interested in practicing law. He became director of the state Democratic Party. Today, he is the Director of the Arkansas Sierra Club.
  - b. The Sierra Club is an environmental protection group founded in 1892 by John Muir. It focuses on clean air and water, forest issues, protecting our national monuments and renewable energy.
    - i. The Arkansas Sierra Club has close to 3000 members.
  - c. If you want to do environmental activism as a career, it is possible!
    - i. The Sierra Club itself offers the Sierra Student Coalition and the Green Corps training program for young environmental activists.
  - d. Glen is interested in supporting student-led initiatives at Hendrix through publicizing events, helping financially, and providing other resources.
  - e. The Arkansas Sierra Club's biggest initiative is the Beyond Coal Campaign, which promotes moving away from coal-powered plants towards alternative energy sources (solar, wind, geothermal, etc.).
  - f. The EPA's proposed Clean Power Plan will have a major impact on Arkansas' energy generating infrastructure. Arkansas contains 19 coal-fired power plants putting out 41 million metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per year. 85% of these emissions originate from five coal-fired plants.
    - i. Clean Power Plan outlines a reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 44% in Arkansas. The final plan will be decided on by June, 2015.
    - ii. The shutdown of outdated coal-fired power plants will create an opportunity for alternative energy and creating thousands of jobs.
    - iii. Currently Arkansas purchases \$675M worth of coal from Oklahoma to burn here. Meanwhile, we have companies in Arkansas making wind turbines and solar cells and zero renewable energy being generated.
    - iv. The Sierra Club is collecting public comments to send to the EPA supporting the plan. Likewise, at 10 AM October 1<sup>st</sup> the Department of Environmental Quality will be holding a discussion on the proposed rules.
- 10. General Business: "Anything for the good of the order?"
- 11. Dismissal (8:15 PM)