

Minutes/Notes of 4th Meeting of The **EARTH** Group at ASC
Thursday, November 8, 2007
Noon, Student Life Center, SUB

Present: William Allen, Ashley Fowler, Gary Jones, Mick Daniel, Dan Carver, Morgan Ramsey Daniel, Christy Miller, Cameron Miller, Laura Moore, Katie Silva, Stephanie Gonzales, Karla Hardesty, Paul Kobe, Jennifer Ribar, Christine Preiss, Julie Waechter, and Marty Jones

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Individual task forces then reported on their meetings/activities. Cameron Miller reported for the **Energy Task Force**. This group will be holding another meeting soon and the agenda items include: conducting studies of the energy use from (1) computers and printers on campus, (2) personal refrigerators and microwaves on campus, and (3) ventilation hoods in Porter Hall; development of more awareness tips to be used as Sustainability Tips of the Week; publicizing the annual energy costs (electricity and gas) on campus so people become more aware of the importance of energy conservation; conducting a survey to determine the energy efficiency of buildings on campus; discussion of alternative lighting for office work spaces. Katie Silva reported for the **Communication/Publicity/Education Task Force**. This group has created a website for EARTH (URL: <http://www.adams.edu/sustainability>), and asked Chris Wearer to create possible logos [NOTE: Two cool logos are attached at the end of these notes. If you have any comments regarding either one, please send them to Linda Relyea (lsrelyea@adams.edu) by Tuesday, November 13 so the task force can make the final selection. In each logo, the words transportation and health will appear in that order, rather than health and transportation]. This group is also working on making reusable posters that can be used to announce our meetings. Julie Waechter reported for the **Water Task Force**, and asked Gary Jones to summarize the ongoing irrigation project. Currently, new water distribution lines for irrigation purposes are being installed on the north end of campus. In the next year, the irrigation system will be completely revamped so that there will be different zones for irrigation – a small acreage (5) that will be “very green”, a small acreage (5) that will be xeriscaped, larger acreages that will be “moderately green” and “low green”. (Gary – please correct these notes if I didn't get this right). In addition, the controls for irrigation will be updated so sprinkling will not be done when it's raining or windy. ASC will begin using non-potable water for irrigation purposes in the next year or so. The real effects of the irrigation project will be felt in a year or so. The water task force would like to investigate the potential use of greywater for campus projects. Laura Moore reported for the **Composting/Food Task Force**. Discussions with Audrey Liu indicate that we'll be able to use the teepee greenhouse on her property for initial attempts at an ASC garden. This task force will be meeting on Friday, November 9. Christine Preiss reported for the **Recycling Task Force**. The first formal meeting on November 2 had low attendance, so the group is planning to meet again at noon on Friday, November 9. Mick Daniel reported that the Transportation Task Force had not had a chance to meet since our previous meeting.

Discussion then turned to possible activities for America Recycles Day on November 15. We decided to staff a table in the Atrium of the SUB from 11-2 with information regarding location of existing recycling containers on campus. **IF YOU ARE WILLING TO STAFF THE TABLE FOR 30 MINUTES, PLEASE SEND MARTY AN EMAIL SO HE CAN PUT TOGETHER A SCHEDULE.** Cameron sent out a URL from Earth 911 that describes energy savings by recycling (<http://www.earth911.org/master.asp?s=lib&a=energy/EnergyFacts.html>), and we should include that information also. Please survey your building/area for recycling containers as soon as possible and send locations to Katie Silva so the information sheet can be compiled. We also plan to hold a “recycle walk” at 12:30, weather permitting, to walk from the SUB to the city recycling center on Ross. Marty will attempt to get Dennis Lamb to be present to discuss the city's recycling efforts. Karla suggested running a recycling video or website on the big screen at the OneStop for that day. If you know of any good recycling websites or videos, please send that information to Karla (karla_hardesty@adams.edu) as soon as you can.

Folks, we have lots of good ideas and we're starting to take action! Thanks for all of your work for EARTH!

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Submitted by Marty Jones, 11/10/07

Task Force Members (as of 11/10/07)

- **Communication/Publicity/Education:** Katie Silva (Chair), Linda Relyea, Julie Waechter, Morgan Ramsey Daniel, Kristin Young-Jaramillo, Cameron Miller, Ashley Fowler, Jennifer Ribar, Courtney Jones, Christine Preiss
- **Composting/Food:** Laura Moore (Chair), Morgan Ramsey Daniel, Kristin Young-Jaramillo, Mary Hoffman, Coreena Bower, Marty Jones
- **Energy:** Cameron Miller (Chair), Christy Miller, Gary Jones, Katie Hagaman, Karla Hardesty, Erwin Young, Ashley Fowler, Chris Olance, Kat Olance
- **Recycling:** Ted McNeilsmith, Mick Daniel, Erica McNulty, Michelle Reed, Christine Preiss, Karla Hardesty, Chris Olance, Jennifer Ribar, Courtney Jones, Katie Hagaman, Margery Herrington, Kyli Kehler, Armando Valdez (Chair still to be determined at this time)
- **Transportation:** Mick Daniel (Chair), Cheryl Ravens, Mark Blagen, Jordan Hudson, Dan Carver, Marty Jones
- **Water:** Tony Ross (Chair), Zena Buser, Julie Waechter

