



Student Government Association

Environmental Affairs Committee

Jan 31, 2012

SGA Conference Suite

9:10 P.M.

- I. Call To Order at 9:10 pm
- II. Members Present
 - a. Jeff Cook, Kim Dawson, Kyle Zellner, and Trevor Fuller
 - b. Excused Absence – Brittney Polze
- III. Environmental Affairs Chair Report – Jeff Cook
- IV. Housing Response to Solar Project
 - a. Did not respond favorably to the project
 - b. Concerned about long term maintenance and payback period
 - c. Not sure that Solar was viable option in Wisconsin
 - d. Concerned about liability and aesthetics
- V. How should we proceed?
 - a. Voted unanimously to continue pursuing this project and to answer the major concerns above
 - b. Jeff will discuss the project with Dr. Estevez from Natural and Applied Sciences Department to discuss numbers and alternatives in this proposal
- VI. Committee Member Actions
 - a. The committee will produce a report to attempt to refute or resolve the above concerns
 - b. Brittney and Trevor will research how solar works and why it is viable in Wisconsin with examples from other areas
 - c. Kyle and Jeff will research the current power source, the Pulliam coal fired power plant and discuss the external costs that are associated with this electricity source
 - d. Kim will discuss the mission of housing and how this project fits into that mission
 - e. Planned rough draft date by Feb 6th and Final Draft by Feb 13th

VII. Sustainability Ideas for next Semester and the Future

- a. If solar project is again turned down by housing we will need to look at alternative avenues for spending sustainability funding
- b. Water refilling stations were discussed as a possible alternative or trying to move the solar project to another area of campus

VIII. Adjournment at 10:30 pm