



Student Government Association

Environmental Affairs Committee

March 19, 2012

SGA Conference Suite

9:05 P.M.

- I. Call To Order at 9:10 pm
- II. Members Present
 - a. Jeff Cook, Kyle Zellner, Kim Dawson, and Trevor Fuller
- III. Housing Board has tabled the project until their June meeting
 - a. They offered these concerns
 - 1. If we're going with a roof mount, vs. ground mount, what is the advantage of using Small hall (which has 60 beds), vs. one of the other halls (e.g. Downham hall which has 194 beds)?
 - 2. What is the weight of the structure that would be mounted on a roof? Will the roof hold without new support?
 - 3. How will this structure impact the present wiring system and power panel? Will there be a continuing need to keep and maintain the present wiring for emergency systems?
 - 4. 20 year warranty and then what? How will repairs and replacement be funded after this point in time?
 - 5. We also still need to investigate liability insurance availability, cost, and who will pay for it if it is needed?
- IV. The Env. Affairs Committee is planning to attend the housing board meeting in June to discuss this project in front of the board in the hopes of paving the way for future years
- V. Contingent Plans
 - a. Jeff Discussed project with Mauthe Center Director Hung Nguyen.
 - b. Very interested in project
 - c. Would be happy to help figure out a way to get around the obstacles to achieve this project

VI. Concerns – We need another Site Assessment

- a. We don't want to ask Ken Statz to devote his time again to do another free site assessment
- b. Jeff has contacted Lake Michigan Wind and Sun to see if they would be interested in conducting the site assessment
- c. Concern that the roof mount system won't be viable at the Mauthe
 - Jeff will ask the site assessor to evaluate this and if a ground mount system would be best

VII. Bidding Process Deadline of April 4th is looming

- a. Jeff spoke with Linda Dupuis who said that the faster the bid gets in the faster the money is spent
- b. Limited staff makes this a concern, but there is an option that we can be a bit late
- c. In any case Jeff has the materials and will send them out to the committee for their review
- d. We can also begin working on the bid as soon as we get the site assessment in our hands. Hopefully the last one!!!

VIII. Fundraising

- a. WPS is no longer an option
- b. Jeff will ask the Sustainability committee exactly how much they are willing to give at this week's meeting, to see what the final cost is.
- c. He will also mention this project to the chancellor when they meet in two weeks

IX. Other plans if Mauthe Center idea fails?

- a. Jeff will meet with Laurie Case and Paul Pinkston to discuss back up plans including solar lighting and water bottle refilling stations

X. Announcements and Discussion

XI. Adjournment at 10:00 pm