



## *Student Government Association*

Environmental Affairs Committee

**October 17th, 2011**

**SGA Conference Suite**

**9:05 P.M.**

- I. Call To Order at 9:05pm
- II. Environmental Affairs Chair Report – Jeff Cook
- III. Environmental Sustainability
  - a. Review final bylaws
    - Discussed concerns and answered questions including how the by-laws accommodate for a lack of student participation. In these cases our committee will be using the criteria to determine what our project should be in order to make sure it is sustainable.
- IV. Discuss Sustainable Project Research
  - a. Solar project
    - We have a provider who will do the project at minimal cost.
    - Looking at a 3KW Solar Tracking Project.
    - It's about 5 dollars per what, so \$15,000 for a 3KW system
    - We can receive a 30% tax credit for this project
    - Looking to place the renewable energy on either the Union or the Kress to maximize pay back to students
  - b. Small Wind
    - The provider we talked with can install these as well
    - Less efficient, more controversial, and harder to site
  - c. Geothermal
    - Costs to retrofit too high, and we are unlikely to build a new housing facility in the near future.
  - d. Composting

- Union is looking into purchasing a composter, has money budgeted for the project. We plan to use our funding for a different project

e. Plastic Bag Ban

- It appears that the project to bring reusable canvas bags to the corner store and bookstore is already under way and these two providers should be able to cover the costs.

V. Voted to pursue the solar energy project

- a. We will research the solar energy project more extensively including producing a site assessment and an analysis of the energy produced in comparison to specifically wind.
- b. The Environmental Affairs Chair will produce a to-do sheet and timeline for researching this opportunity

VI. Adjournment at 9:55pm