Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
September 27, 2002

In Attendance:  Liz Bolke, Hanif Chaudhry, Bruce Coull, Jim Demarest, William Hogue, Stuart Hunter, Tom Knowles, Margaret Lamb, George Lampl, Gene Luna, Shealy McCoy, Ankit Patel, Laura Pergolizzi, Scott Reynolds, Jamie Russell, Mike Scheffres, Jim Sweigart, Troy Travis.  
Guests:  Dr. Andrew Sorensen, Bob Danhauser, Patty Gillies Hamilton, Dan Zurosky  
Staff and Graduate Students:  Gayle Crutchlow, Nathan Gauthier, Trish Jerman, Karl Rains, Scott Weidner

Next Meeting:  Wednesday, October 30, 2002 - 8:30 a.m.  Room 107C Osborne

Welcome/Introduction of newcomers and visitors:

Dr. Coull opened the meeting by introducing Dr. Andrew Sorensen and giving him a brief overview of the purpose of the Environmental Advisory Committee. He then presented Dr. Sorensen with a plaque from the Sustainable Universities Initiative.

Comments by President Sorensen:

Dr. Sorensen first thanked the EAC for inviting him, and then went on to say the he fully agrees with the mission of the committee. Dr. Sorensen referred to an earlier meeting with Gene Luna, and expressed his excitement on working with Drs. Coull and Luna to facilitate West Quad and other green building projects. The floor was then opened up for questions from EAC members.

William Hogue asked for Dr. Sorensen’s take on Total Quality Management. Dr. Sorensen responded with the following points:

- He will continue to ask the legislature for more money, and badger them when they make cuts to his budget
- He stressed the importance of using our budget and resources wisely and responsibly so that he can continue to ask for money. The general public believes that USC can’t possibly be having money problems since there is so much new construction going on, so Sorensen requested that EAC members give him examples, via Bruce Coull, of significant savings in taxpayer money with regards to some of the projects taking place around campus

Scott Weidner asked Dr. Sorensen about the difficulties of being a bike rider on this campus, and whether or not something could be done to make the campus more “biker friendly”:

- Sorensen welcomed Scott and any other students concerned with biking regulations to develop a proposal to promote more bike riding and less driving to class, and then present it to him for his consideration
EH&S Audit and ISO 14001 Certification:

Bob Danhauser, ISO14001 auditor, discussed his experience with registration audits and a recent EMS Summit held in Washington D.C. He emphasized that EMS will not be going away in the future, and that there are about 16 universities that are currently trying to become certified. There are only two certified schools, and USC is one of them. He was thoroughly impressed with USC’s program, and audited USC above the regular standard because of how strong the program is. He listed the strengths of the program as being:

- Management of environmental aspects
- Core team made up of five different management representatives
- Strong management commitment and expertise
- Great staff and employee involvement

Shealy McCoy then did a PowerPoint presentation on the EMS and ISO programs (available on the EAC website at www.sc.edu/EAC). Dr. Sorensen departed shortly thereafter.

Report on University GIS Coordination:

- Jim Demarest will be meeting with Charlie Jeffcoat to put a recommendation together requesting additional funding for GIS; this will go before Rick Kelly for funding.
- Troy Travis added that many units will feel a component of ownership, and a core unit will need to be formed so that all interested units can play a role.

Progress Report on “Green Housing” Initiatives:

- Gene Luna passed out the most recent design drawings of West Quad and a handout titled “Going Green Saves Green $$$: University of South Carolina’s Green Efforts Becoming Best Practices”. Topics included:
  - Flat Screen/LCD Computer Monitors
  - Efficient Washer & Dryers
  - Alternative Fuel Vehicles
  - West Quad Center for Sustainable Futures
  - Take It or Leave It – Move Out Recycling
- In Michael Koman’s absence, Gene praised him for making so many things happen in Housing. He also noted that the students and the EAC have played a very important role as well.

Reminders and Requests:

- Dr. Coull asks that EAC members submit short summaries about resource or energy saving things they have going on in their departments. He will then submit a compiled list to Dr. Sorensen for his “speech files”.

Submitted by Gayle Crutchlow