

Library Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes 11/27/18

Present: Susan (chair), Sarah (minutes), Loretta, Jonah, Stephanie, Sruthin, Scout, Lisa, Eric,

Special Guest: Joe Salem

Welcome Joe to LEC

Introductions from committee members

Susan provided an overview of LEC

- Discussed our organizational structure, charge, and primary functions
- Origins and history of the group
- Reports directly to the university librarian, though no formal meetings

Jonah discussed orientation measures and contact with library facilities

- Joe mentioned that he wasn't contacted for an orientation
- After a discussion of Jonah's procedures for addressing facilities issues, Joe encouraged maintaining regular contact with Jay and getting in touch with either Jay or Joe on any facilities-related issues or projects

Mentioned installation of filtered water bottle filling stations – Joe brought up collaborating w/ Sparty's to end giving away free water and promoting reusable water bottles

Eric discussed partnerships with other units across campus

- Focused on efforts to reduce diversion rates with MSU Recycling and Surplus
- Relationship with MSU Sustainability is more or less "on hold" as office goes through a drawn-out restructuring
 - o Joe said that he will reach out to the office and see what their status is

Susan and Jonah discussed successful projects LEC has been involved with over the years

- Have participated in various Big 10 challenges (i.e. Recyclemania, Lansing area Clean Commute)
- Jonah discussed composting project - its history and ongoing maintenance
- Loretta mentioned LEC's work to promote the installation of filtered water bottle filling stations

Susan discussed various LEC educational activities

- While charge is primarily to educate staff, our efforts reach out to the wider community as well
- Beal Garden tours and our ongoing relationship with Peter Carrington
- Semi-regular speaker programs and brown bags, featuring folks from on and off campus
- Annual Earth Day events
- Monthly eco-grams and now newsletters

The committee detoured on a brief discussion about the hazardous state of MSU sidewalks as a result of bike, moped, and scooter use

Joe and committee brainstormed ways to work together in future

- Joe is interested in looking at sustainability within the library from multiple perspectives – collections, content, investments, infrastructure – and encouraged the committee to think of areas we'd like to work on
- Working with Sparty's on some new initiatives (such as ending free water) and providing advice as the library considers moving SPC to 3E were mentioned as specific opportunities
- Joe is also interested in thinking of ways that the MSU Libraries can affect change in the larger marketplace and within the Big 10
- Joe would also like to be able to approach the committee with project ideas, questions as they come up
- Joe is also interested in considering ways for LEC to be a participant in the strategic planning process
- Committee would appreciate a closer relationship with the director and more insight into "bigger picture" issues within the library

Discussed ways of maintaining regular communication between Joe and the committee

- Joe suggested charges for specific projects
 - o Asking for recommendations or deliverables, adhering to a timeline and establishing a point of contact

Joe took some final questions