

## Minutes 7 December 2007 meeting of the IUSB Committee on Recycling

Present: Michelle Verges (chair), Michael Prater, Deborah Marr, Andrew Schnabel, Albert Peiffer, David Vollrath, Jennifer Einspahr, Matthew Shockey, Susan Thomas, Kristen LaFollette

Meeting called to order at 10:05 Minutes from 31 October approved

### A. Updates

- 1) increased visibility
  - Preface write-ups - Approved for permanent space in the Preface - can write stories about/promoting recycling program and related events.
  - Facebook page is up and running - To join the IUSB recycling Facebook group, a person needs to create a profile and then search for IUSB recycling.
- 2) Cartridge recycling - no new information
- 3) Book recycling - Deb thinks everything has been picked up; number of boxes seems to be about 120; Enviroshred will come to pick up those boxes as a regular part of their visits to the campus; might want to contact B&E about putting out books during their move
- 4) Labels for recycling bins - keep this on the things-to-do list
- 5) Recycling issues with respect to new student housing - bins are being allotted for; it's in the plans but there is no policy
- 6) Website - Robert was going to work on this; needs updating; Deb suggests that more people have access; Andy suggests that perhaps the student working on URJ site could help out
  - What needs to be changed: list of events; clear notices about events; what things can be recycled and how to recycle them and who to contact. Needs link to Facebook.

### B. New business

- 1) Composting - The letter Michelle composed has had lots of comments from committee members and others. Henry has sent information on a group that can help set this up (contact: Mike Davis -Great Lakes Rural Community Assistance Program - Indianapolis). Deb suggests a conference call with Davis and relevant people on campus, especially Chris Kaehr - Grounds Crew Leader. Committee decided to delay sending letter to the administration and senate. Dave suggests tying into the community gardening effort. Mike would like to see a more detailed analysis of energy budgets and logistics to prove that the effort would be worth cost and personnel time.
- 2) New issues
  - Plastic bags? - Week of April 7-12 will be collection of styrofoam and plastic bags + end-of-week job/informational fair - this is all part of the campus theme, Sustainable Communities. When should word about that go out? Who to invite to job/informational fair? Would inviting larger corporations be appropriate for this event?
  - Green printing program – UCET hosting workshops on this new printing program
  - Letter to Luecke/Rea about sustainability at community level (Cool Cities initiative) - Would recycling committee like to sign on to this effort? Deb will send along the letter. Should we write an accompanying letter of support?

Meeting adjourned 11 am

Respectfully submitted,  
Andrew Schnabel  
Secretary for the day