



“EPP’s mission is to promote awareness, opportunities, and educational experiences concerning environmental policy and planning.”

EPP Meeting Minutes – Wednesday October 31, 2007

Attended by: Matt, Aaron, Amanda, Sara, Kate, Katie M, Samantha, Brett, Ethan, Jenny K

- I. Welcome and Introductions—should have been there...
- II. EPP’s niche: It’s always good to be reminded the purpose of EPP...the mission is printed above. The student group was started with the unfortunate and unexpected passing of John Baldwin, the previous environmental-focused professor in PPPM. The environmental teaching/research gaps are beginning to be filled in within the PPPM department, but that doesn’t put us out of business! Our niche on campus is to take advantage of the unique hands-on learning opportunities available in this region related to Environmental Policy and Planning...this is important to keep in mind when thinking about things like the budget—how can we best use our budget to maximize our role in our niche....
- III. Samantha discussed the Cascade Climate Declaration that she emailed out prior to our EPP meeting. She discussed the background and said the group is now soliciting feedback and seeking signatures...after a brief discussion about the weirdness of that process (asking for feedback at the same time as asking people to sign off on supporting it), it was determined that Samantha will take any EPP comments to the group sponsoring the document and we will discuss EPP’s endorsement of the declaration at the next meeting. So if you have comments, feel free to check-in with Samantha about how it might be improved (schirill@uoregon.edu).
- IV. Budget-Matt presented the budget numbers from last year and the increases he’s proposing for next year (draft due Fri. Nov. 2nd, final budget due next Friday). He acknowledged that he’s aiming high (900% increase from this year), but we’re probably not going to get there. There are possibilities for applying for more funds, even this year, but we’ll need to show how our group is contributing to the funds to really sell our point (fundraisers, in-kind donations, etc). The breakdown for the proposed budget is as follows:

Budget items	2007-08 school year	2008-09 school year
Duplication/copying		4% inc. from last year
Printing/publishing		4% inc. from last year

Fall event	30	40
Fall event food	70	130
Winter Event	5	190 (150 for travel)
Winter event food	50	130
Baldwin Event	10	2,375*
Baldwin event food	35	300
Total	300	3,269

*Those who met on the budget between meetings decided that the Baldwin event was a good one to focus EPP efforts towards, especially when looking to increase funds—2,375 includes money for advertising, supplies, a speaker, hotel, meal and transportation expenses...

Kate made a motion to approve this budget, Amanda seconded it. All were in favor and no one opposed...MOTION PASSED! WOO HOO!

Any questions about the budget? Interested in getting involved with the budgeting process (especially because this money is for next year!)...contact Matt at mpeter13@uoregon.edu.

V. Activity check-in

- a. Sara-Eco-Wine tour check-in: She has 9 people who expressed interest—if you haven't let her know if you're interested and you want to go, let her know (sschoole@uoregon.edu)! When: Friday, Nov. 9th, departing approximately 3:30 from Hendricks.
- b. Adam Davis-Aaron is in charge—he is looking for help with advertising for the event and presentation logistics (reserving a room, etc.)(aderwing@uoregon.edu). Matt P has checked in with the Sustainable Business group, and Amanda said she would ask her hubby if they are interested...Samantha recommended checking in with the EDC and UO Osbirg. Matt will definitely check in with EDC—and will also ask them about the date for HOPEs and any tips for solar-tech tours.
- c. Jenny K—Green Tech Tour—Jenny wants to develop a list of potential sites to visit in order to learn more about green technology and design. She'd like to have this list on the website similar to the EPP environmental course listings...She'll also work on setting up a tour for us somewhere, probably early winter term...stay tuned and share any ideas you have with Jenny (jkuykend@uoregon.edu)! Jenny will be contacting LCC solar tech program, Kate will research the Eugene solar home tour, and Matt will ask EDC.
- d. Other events? Films and a meeting with Steve Mital are two possible items to add on to the end of our next meeting...once we determine Steve's availability we'll go from there. Kate will contact Cody about setting this up.

VI. Earth Day event

Brett updated us on the recent EWEB/Earthday events...he's looking for people who are interested in helping develop the film/lecture series and also

for help on the day of the event (to be recruited closer to the actual event). By December they want to know the theme of the lecture/film series with an idea of some lecture possibilities or films.

VII. Upcoming events

- a. Put them on the calendar if you have em!
- b. Bill McKibben was rockin—everyone should STEP IT UP this Sat., EMU amphitheater, 12 noon. The Cliff Bar event will be happening at the same time on the other side of the EMU and is also related to climate change....let's get this movement rollin!
- c. Seed Swap on Sunday afternoon—talk to Katie M for more details (Katie_mackendrick@gmail.com).

That's all...adjourned at 5:05