

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: February 21, 2008

Location: ARD Building, Large Pod

Present: David Forgues, Dina Barnese, Stan Clark, Karin VonKay, Terri Hayes, Marcelle Coder, Robin Long, Susan Johnstad, Kim Knowles

Ex Officio & Guests: Karan English, Richard Baron

Excused: Sharon Gorman, Tom Carpenter, Diane Verkest

1. Call to Order

Dina Barnese called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

2. Karan English, Director of Ecological Monitoring, Assessment and Foundation program (EMA)

Karan spoke about the history of the ARD building, campus sustainability, and global climate change as it relates to NAU. She explained that the ARD building was started years ago by a \$25,000 grant awarded during the Clinton administration. The design concept began with a committee of 5 people who looked at systems philosophy, design, construction etc. She described the project as the Institution's responsibility to students. The building is often described as an expensive building as the planning process took longer than traditional buildings and associated construction costs may have been higher; however, the efficiency of the building contributes to money being saved over time. This building is an example of the debate between the economy and the environment, reflects a creative approach to construction, and has influenced other construction on campus. The building is certified by the US building green council: Leadership energy and environmental Design (LEEDS).

Karan shared the Campus Sustainability report which is intended to set a tone for campus sustainability. Additionally, President Haeger has signed the American College and Universities President's Climate Commitment. This agreement commits to NAU being carbon neutral by 2020. Rich Bowen has been assigned as the chair of the committee to develop a plan.

The EMA program focuses on progressive partnerships, tackling issues from a systems perspective and bridging entities to solve problems. Focus on providing students with a hands-on approach to solving many of the problems in the world today is a strong focus.

Moving toward a carbon neutral institution will require commitment from everyone on campus. Karan encourages all staff and faculty to be leaders by seeking opportunities to reduce NAUs carbon footprint, educate others about the implications of being carbon neutral, and the importance of sustainability.

3. Newsletter

The next newsletter will be sent out the last week of March. The following is a list of articles to be included:

- Announcement of the annual meeting/mixer
- Service Professional Spotlight (Marcelle will write)
- Brown bag lunches (Marcelle will write)
- Leadership award
- Other topics?

4. Committee Reports

Annual meeting/Mixer: Proceeding as planned, no major updates

Leadership award: The nomination form is on-line. The first announcement about it has gone out in Inside NAU on 2/19/08. Additional efforts will be: flyers around campus, an article in the newsletter, and word of mouth. Please encourage those who you work with to submit a nomination.

5. Action Items

- Marcelle to write article about upcoming Brown Bags & Service Professional Spotlight

Meeting adjourned: 9:30 a.m. before Tour of ARD building

Next meeting: March 13, 2008. 8:30 a.m. Location: University Union, Havasupai C

Respectfully submitted, Terri Hayes, Recording Secretary