

**Minutes of the Valdosta State University Environmental Issues Committee Meeting
September 12, 2014 (approved 17 October 2014)**

Appointed Members in Attendance: Theresa Grove (Chair), Arsalan Wares (Chair-elect), Jim Nienow, Steven Scheuler, Jason Allard, Linda Most, Tanya Lee, Bobby Flowers, Rebecca Green, Tommy Crane, Luke Jones, Ray Sable

Ex Officio: Ray Sable, Traycee Martin,

Meeting called to order 12:04p.m.

A. Approve Minutes: 10 yea, 3 abstain

B. Announcements:

Tentative meeting dates for EIC meetings for Fall 2014 were announced and they are as follows: 17 Oct 2014, 14 Nov 2014, 05 Dec 2014. All meetings will be held in Bailey Room 2023 at 12:00. The December meeting is the week prior to finals and may be cancelled if there is nothing urgent to discuss.

C. New Business

a. **Establish subcommittee chairs and meeting schedules:** Brad Bergstrom, Jim Nienow and Tommy Crane were announced chairs of the following Committees, respectively: Campus Beautification, Recycling, and Energy Subcommittees.

b. **Assessment of EIC charges and goals:** EIC goals need to be modified from last year goals by removing the past goals that are not relevant any more. Get comments to Theresa Grove about any changes. She will send them out in near future.

There was some discussion about excessive noise is a problem during finals due to grade school groups coming into buildings and making a lot of noise, but it is more of a public relations issue. It should be handled accordingly, not necessarily by EIC and so is removed from the list.

Issues regarding how conserve water need to be discussed, perhaps another subcommittee?

D. Old Business

a. **Energy Audit update:** An open meeting will be arranged to discuss the progress.

b. **Tree Policy update:** No updates. Grove will try to find details.

c. **Sustainability committee update:** Need to work with President McKinney to discuss the practical ways to minimize environmental footprints of VSU. Ray Sable sent out 2012 climate commitment plan.

d. It was brought up that signs need to be put in pine grove regarding the no string hammock policy. More no string hammock policy signs are needed for areas between the library and the fine arts building. There is money in the Whitehead fund, and the Campus Beautification subcommittee should look into this.

D. Adjourned at 12:35 p.m.