

## **MSU Libraries Environmental Committee Minutes – October 26, 2010**

Present: Mike U. (Chair), Michelle A. (Minutes), Susan K., Elida M., Hsiang-Ping C., Kate O., Kriss O. Regrets: Susie G., Stephanie P., Heidi S.

### **1. Agenda was approved**

### **2. Minutes of 9/28/10 were approved**

### **3. Old Business**

#### **LEC Events Series**

- The Committee will try to finalize spring events, speakers/dates in order meet the Public Relations Committee early December deadline. Earth Day is Friday, April 22, 2011, but we will move events up since we expect many students and staff will not be in the library on that date
- We also discussed a garden tour with Peter C. but would like to do this at an earlier date to be finalized by our next meeting
- Passersby did not watch the MSU Recycling film clips last year and we are discussing if some other video content might interest more viewers
- We discussed and are in favor of a Brown Bag lunch panel on ‘Urban Chickens’ (<http://urbanchickens.org/>) and Kriss is working on getting interested speakers for a Jan/Feb date
- We are also planning a Brown Bag lunch program on ‘Organic Gardening Methods’ and Kriss O. is working on getting interested speakers for an early March date. We discussed presenting this prior to Earth Day to give people planning time.
- We will communicate information by email to finalize plans by the next committee meeting on November 23.

#### **The Michigan/Grand River Avenue Transportation Study**

- The study is looking at transportation alternatives for the area and MSU is a participating organization. New possibilities include Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), Light Rail Transit (LRT), and Modern Streetcar. More details are available at the website: <http://www.migrtrans.org/home.html>  
Meeting date open houses are Nov 9-11, with times and locations at this link: <http://www.migrtrans.org/getinvolved.html>

### **4. New Business**

#### **LEC Meeting Minutes**

- We discussed sending the minutes out as attachments vs. putting the information in the body of the email and the majority are in favor of the latter to make it easier for our colleagues to review them.

Wiki: <http://lecwiki.lib.msu.edu> and Intranet:

<http://intranet.lib.msu.edu/site/Default.aspx?alias=intranet.lib.msu.edu/site/libenviron>

- Susan K. is working on creating/organizing content for the 'Resources' section.

### **Promoting Recycling to MSUL Staff**

- Michelle A. provided an informal recycling training to Branch Library staff on Oct.1 with examples, which was well-received
- We are discussing different ideas to increase recycling efforts within the libraries, since we often see recyclables in the trash
- Some departments at Main are requesting committee members to make brief recycling presentations at meetings
- Kriss will explore the possibility of having a short recycling presentation at the All Staff meeting on Oct. 28.

### **5. EcoGram topic**

Kriss will send the next Ecogram as a straightforward and easy-to-consult guide of the immense range of material that can now be placed in MIXED PAPER and PLASTIC/METAL as soon as she gets approval from the Director of MSU Recycling. These guidelines will change as more materials are able to be recycled in the future.

**6. Next Meeting:** November 23, 11:00 a.m.

-Chair: Heidi S., Minutes: Hsiang-Ping C.