**GREENetwork Meeting Minutes**

*March 22, 2019 @ 12:15-12:50p*

*Memorial Center, Titan Room, Illinois Wesleyan University*

**Present:** Carl Teichman (co-coordinator), Laurine Brown (co-coordinator), Katherine Henebry (co-coordinator), Michael Gorman, Given Harper, David Werner, Amy Jo Caulkins, David Vayo, Leah Bieniak, Jerel “Woody” Braun, Chris Sweet.

1. **Welcome** at 12:15p – Carl commenced the meeting. Minutes were taken by Laurine

**3. Reports**

* **Sierra Student Coalition**
  + Leah B and David W reported that SSC is in the midst of Earth Month activities with residence halls and many are engaged with it, meaning some are turning off lights, etc. They had bulletin boards in some areas up & an interactive Memorial Wall display. Will end in April & SSC will report back.
  + Carl & Leah also reported that IWU is firming up a teracycle collection system for the future. The Physical Plant will take the collections to St Johns Church every few weeks. A storage location is being determined on campus. APO has/or will take over sorting of the teracycle so SSC can move to other business.
  + Elections for SSC exec board will be held soon.
* **Peace Garden Update** – Katherine reported that the garden is producing again. 9 bags of greens were sold to Green Top Grocery, and the spinach is looking good. David mentioned that he is looking into beehives/beekeeping possibly being a separate committee from PG.
* **Bike Committee** – Chris reported that the bike committee is getting slimmer, especially with Michael Gorman’s future departure from IWU. Chris wants to keep the IWU Bike Share going with the checkouts from the library. Chris will be conducting a bike maintenance They need more students to be involved so ideas were generated.   
  **Connect Transit** – Carl provided data. Ridership has been strong, thus has been good use of funds.
* **Sustainability Educators/ORL Update** – No report as no representatives present.

4. **2018-19 Theme “Changing Climates”** – [Spring Events](https://www.iwu.edu/environmental-studies/events-spring-2019.html)

• Apr 12 7P Film Screening “NormalisOver”

Discussion with Director Renée Scheltema

- View film website and trailer [here](http://normalisoverthemovie.com/) **-**

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• Apr 15 7P Adlai E. Stevenson II Memorial Lecture Series

“**The Future of Food”**

**Dr. Vandana Shiva** [(Bio)](http://www.vandanashiva.com/)

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5. **Additional Topics/Announcements**

* Carl and Laurine reported on the McLean County Regional Planning Commission’s Complete Street’s initiative (for Main Street) with a consulting firm helping the community over the next 4-5 months. Since this crosses near our campus input by students and employees of campus is important. Carl also reported on the Phase 1 engineering for Rt 9 including Empire St near the campus, and investigations into shifting the route through the city for improvements in flow and pedestrian friendliness. Efforts will be made to try and make both of these roadways safer for student pedestrian traffic.
* Given shared concerns raised in the New York Times of some problematic recycling programs and asked what was known of Midwest Fiber, our recycling company. Carl will talk with Michael Brown at Ecology Action Center, but indicated that we are collecting and processing and not being informed of any problems with contamination. The work Junk Yard Planet by Adam Minter was briefly discussed.
* David W mentioned that meatless Mondays may be implemented by Sodexo. And reported on the April 22 earth day banquet.
* David W also put out an interest in exploring renewable energy.

Next Meeting: April 12 (was later rescheduled for April 19)

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm