

Library Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes **1/28/20**

Present: Erika Weir (new member); Sruthin Gaddam; Eric Tans; Lisa Lorenzo; Scout Calvert (chair); Stephanie Perentesis (recorder); Susan Kendall

Composting update (Jonah, by email): MSUL Facilities and MSU Recycling are all ready to reinstate the composting program. There are new personnel in charge of collecting the materials, and procedures will be tighter to prevent the previous problem from recurring. If anyone from LEC has an issue to raise, please have them contact Jonah ASAP. Otherwise, composting will resume soon.

Campus sustainability update (Eric): Eric met with Amy Butler, campus sustainability director, to discuss future directions for the library as a university sustainability “action team.” Amy will return to conduct a goal setting exercise with LEC members for the library. She also is interested in library’s proposal for a covered bicycle shelter, which may support university-wide mobility initiatives.

Sustainability at MSU Libraries draft report update (Scout):

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PaJK4jnb-nw9vF6vBH7GAj85n8s-K-uXeXmqUQUjFU/edit>

Discussed contacting units to discover what they’ve done, and what they would like to do to become more sustainable. Sruthin will contact Nathan Collins for report on power evaluation efficiency and relocation of servers to central data center. Volunteer assignments were updated for contacting units, and Patron Services and ILL were added to the unit list.

Earth Day 50th Anniversary Exhibit: Erika volunteered to spearhead planning, with help from Sruthin and Stephanie. Tentative design concept is a “text-lite” timeline with portraits of Earth Day “ancestors and heirs,” related publications and films, and other historic documents and pictures, to include local MSU and community highlights.

Membership update: Erika was cordially welcomed as a new member. Lisa regrettably stepped down, with our thanks for her contributions to the committee, particularly her excellent work on our website. She created a document listing “LEC Website Duties,” saved in the LEC shared drive: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jGBnYbBZNtuekwL0hhf0WttkuW8zIBabazT-PzG8LCw/edit>

She will post these minutes to the website as her final service to the committee. Thank you, Lisa, and welcome, Erika!