

ESC 11/29/2007 Minutes

Earth Day Speaker:

- George Woodwell, Director Emeritus of the Woodshole Institute
- Major researcher on effects of DDT
- Involved with World Wildlife Fund
- Conservationist and passionate speaker
- will receive a \$5000 honorarium, \$1000 for travel expenses, a little for food
- asked for \$20,000 for next year because that is a typical rate and Dr. Ruud said will ask around, so didn't say no

Focus the Nation:

- National Teach in that is environmentally focused on January 31
- try to get many departments to tie in and talk about it because an interdisciplinary issue
- get student groups involved as well
- CUB MPR reserved for ESC, SEAC may be reserving the CUB Great Hall
- lots of discussions at the same time, broken up based on interests
- Each involved person is responsible for about 50 minutes total, but 10 minutes for their own speech/talk and then 40 minutes of discussion, just try to keep discussion moving
- could get professors to bring classes for extra credit or make it mandatory
- Penn State and Dickenson also interested
- try and invite government representatives from Harrisburg at least

Full Time Environmental Steward Position:

- one is needed because it's hard for students and faculty to devote enough time to really get things accomplished on these issues
- probably upper \$20,000, lower \$30,000 salary range

Need to keep a presence at the upcoming Master Plan Meetings and they do listen

Biodiesel:

- found potential sites, deciding on those
- Phase 1: relatively low cost, maybe Alumni House garage, more easily adapted, has power, water, just need to tie into sewer, smaller-scale more demonstration oriented, need to talk to the house's owner in order to use it
- Phase 2: bigger project, probably in Franklin, much more expensive
- Mid December put in application for DEP grant for more funding
- Can request Capital Performance Funding
- Get trailer, mobile, get around some insurance problems, easier to take out to demonstrate
- Maybe store fuel in storage room in Reed Operations Center

More ecological factoids are planned for next semester, possibly one about the weight of departmental junk mail