Environmental Management Working Party

Notes of a meeting held on 18 August 2003

Present: Marganne Allen, Brennan Allen, David Espin (for WSU Environmental Officer), Richard Bedford

Purpose: Discussion of proposals and allocation of monies for the Initiatives to Improve the Campus Environment (ICE) Award

1. Apologies. John Cameron (written input provided) 
2. Proposal discussion and allocations

- **Linear wetland on campus** (from Earl Bardsley, Dept. of Earth Sciences): It is an interesting idea and may be beneficial to the lakes and to gain some wetlands on campus. It was recommended that the suggestion be discussed with the Grounds Manager (Mark Thompson), and that Earl reconsider his submission in light of the results of the Lakes report from the Biology Department. This project may be reconsidered for 2004. **No funding recommended.**

- **Recycling bins at Orchard Park** (from Marganne Allen, Environmental Coordinator FMD): Proposes to upgrade the recycling station at Orchard Park with new recycling bins, concrete pad, and landscaping. **Fund at $6,000**

- **Upgrade Science processes/procedures to be compliant with HSNO Act for radioactive and hazardous substances** (from Stephen Bergin, Services Mgr. & Science Health and Safety Coord.): Proposes to fund steps required to bring University into compliance on radiation and hazardous substances regulations by setting up processes and procedures to deal with such materials (use, storage, and disposal). The decision was that as a compliance issue, this should come from regular funds rather than the ICE Award. **No funding recommended**

- **Installation of a gas barbecue and picnic area near the Lakes** (from Carol Eichler, student): This was considered a good idea, but needed to be more fully thought out and a complete budget provided. Carol is encouraged to re-submit in 2004 with a more complete proposal. **No funding recommended**

- **2004 WSU Earth Day** (from Daniel Philpott, WSU President and Enviromaniacs representative - Student environmental club): As the proposal did not include a physical project that would directly benefit the University grounds/facilities, funding was not recommended. However, the WSU is encouraged to resubmit a proposal containing a project that results in an improvement to the campus grounds/facilities for reconsideration. **No funding recommended**

- **College Halls grounds improvement** (from Rodney Arnold, Residential Manager College Halls): The group would like to see the full plans and detailed budget for this project. **Funding in the amount of $12,000 recommended, pending submission of detailed plans and budget.**
Of the $20,000 available, this leaves $2,000 to go to a resubmission for an Earth Day 2004 project and/or the College Halls grounds improvement with supporting documents.

3. The next meeting should be arranged in October 2003 and focus on changing the EMWP to an actual committee and discussing what its purpose, scope/powers, structure, and relationship to other committees would be.