

Introductions

Name, Location, Current Professional or Volunteer Work, Oberlin Era, Important Life Values, Interest in EnviroAlums (a minute each)

Updates from Subcommittee Chairs

Brief, based on the reports distributed ahead of time

Communications - Paul

- The report says most of it; [check it out](#) if you haven't read it.
- We've been struggling with what our mission and purpose is; some things assigned to the Subcommittee are specifically listed in the bylaws.
- Who do we want to communicate with, and how?
- Want to take some time at another Steering Committee meeting to get feedback from the rest of the group.
- Have come to a point where we will target certain audiences who most need to hear about us.
- People taking on assignments to direct communications to those groups on a regular basis.
- "Think one person can change the world?" is a good motto that we could use to attract people. - Michael L.

Fellowships - Krista

- Everyone has done a really great job getting these fellowships together.
- Sent email just an hour ago with our recommendations for fellows.
- Got 7 applications; the committee has made a recommendation for 4 candidates:
 - Three are class of 2022, one class of 2023:
 - Howard Sinclair, Amanda Salmon, Imani Badillo, Lucca Abele.
- Recommendation for a 5th if the committee would consider that.

Membership & Nominations - Abe

- We have three new members to the SC! Cria, Jeayoon, and Michael!
- We are taking recommendations for one more student on the SC, looking for students to recommend other students.
- Time to re-elect Harriet: Welcome back Harriet!
- If you know of anybody, let us know!
- Looking for one more student and two other alumni to join.

Updates from the Officers

Revised Bylaws for discussion and approval - Walt

- Need to vote for approval - they pass!

Draft Policies and Procedures for discussion - Abe

- Abe created a Policies and Procedures document so we can write things down and remember them.

- It's a living document, the goal is to keep it updated.
- Not redundant with the Bylaws, but a commentary on Bylaws.
- Want this to be a useful document that's a resource for all of us.

Questions brought up:

- Getting someone to regularly check EnviroAlums email?

1250 **Election of Chair and Vice Chair** - Abe

1 candidate offered for Chair to be elected by voice vote

- The Chair is responsible for coordinating EnviroAlums activities and leading meetings.
- Will appoint the representative of EnviroAlums on the Alumni Leadership Council, which we rotate on and off of.
- We elected Abe! Congrats Abe!

1 candidate offered for Vice Chair to be elected by voice vote.

- The Vice Chair leads meetings in the absence of the Chair.
- Assists with coordinating EnviroAlums activities.
- We elected Michael L! Congrats Michael!

105 **Fundraising** - Walt

EnviroAlums and Environmental Studies

- \$199,511 in our Endowment.
- We get a draw every year determined by the Board; we have around \$6,000 this year, but it varies before June 30. Will be between \$6,000-\$8,000.
- See fundraising details for more specific numbers. We currently have \$20,296 in our account, but we're expecting the payout to be in June.
- Do intend to fundraise twice a year.
- We usually spend around \$14,000 for four fellows, another \$3,500 if we add a fifth.
- Discussion of history and membership of EnviroAlums funds.
- If we were to fund the four, it would be \$12,198. For a fifth, it would be \$15,698.
- Voted to approve the motion to cap fellow spending at \$16,000 this year, which will allow us to fund a fifth fellow.

115 **EnviroAlums Google Drive** - Claire

- See the Policies and Procedures document.
- Email Claire if you have any questions.

125 **Update on Careers in the Environment** – John & Claire

- There are events on April 21 and April 28 at 7:30 p.m.

- Claire is working on promotion.
- Everyone should come! The info is [here](#).

135 **Update on Wizr Community** - Claire (and Wizr's status at Oberlin) – Walt

- We have 113 members, up from only 5 a year ago!
- Not sure if it's being used; there are no discussion posts but maybe students are using it to reach out to alumni individually.
- Wizr might not be continuing in the same capacity in the future, so we're not sure how it will continue to be used.

140 **Various Updates**

Fossil fuel divestment group - Paul

Others?

- Contact Paul if you're interested to attend one of the meetings.
- The group has some momentum in terms of getting some information about where Oberlin stands in its divestment from fossil fuels.
- A meeting/some disclosure might take place soon.

145 **Faculty Advisor Role** – John & Walt

- John is at "Oberlin in London" next semester, then on sabbatical 2022-2023.
- Looking for a replacement for Claire right now.
- Abe might have to play a little bit more of a role; we might be able to get Rumi a little bit engaged, at least with Careers in the Environment series.

150 **Wrap-up/Actions, other questions, concerns** – Claire & Walt

- Look for new members of the Steering Committee: one student, two alumni.
- Join the EnviroAlums Linked-In group; encourage others to join, too! That could be a good ask in the next big email we send out.

200 **Adjourn**