

**EnviroAlums SC Meeting Notes, 10/23/2021 (Actions highlighted in yellow)**  
(Recorded by Claire Brinley, EnviroAlums Student Fellow, revised by Walt 12/2021)

**Member Check-in, Introduction**

**Members present:**

Abe, Elise, Harriet, Howard, John, Krista, Molly, Paul, Susan, Walt, Michael, Simon, Claire

**Update on Fellowships 2021-2022, and timing of announcement for next year - Krista**

- Two of the current fellowships came to an end, two will be ongoing through May
- Encouraged flexible start and end dates
- Spent \$13,895 total
- Stephen connected with all the fellows upfront and has been conducting exit interviews
  - All of the fellowships have spurred interesting reflections on how the fellowships will shape their future careers
- Request for new members on the fellowship subcommittee - **Elise will join**
- Want to do more publicity to get more fellowship applicants
  - Best way to do that is to send emails! - **Howard will contact administrative assistants. Claire will send to faculty and students before each session.**
- Fellowship committee may consider a rolling application
  - Want to get decisions to students a little earlier, maybe open the application in January

**Update from Membership and Nominations Subcommittee - Abe**

- Currently have 14 members, but that includes Kristin, who is rolling off
- Claire and Abe pulled from the Careers in the Environment speaker applications and sent an email to five people, one might be interested, **will keep sending until we get enough members**
- **Molly will talk to her parents/siblings to ask people they know**
- **Claire and Abe will send their letters to the committee to use**
- Want to increase diversity of the Steering Committee

**Update on our June Fundraising drive and (hopefully) our 2020-2021 draw from the endowment - Walt**

- Original goal \$3,500, raised \$8,127.06
- Endowment continues to grow, is now at \$199,511 - unusual for affiliate groups to have an endowment
- Will be getting \$6,228 from the endowment this year
- Therefore have over \$14,000 for the coming year plus about \$6,000 remaining in Operating Fund (including \$620 donated since July 1!)
- Could make the decision to fund more fellowships
- May make the ad hoc finance committee a standing subcommittee
- **Molly will reach out to past fellows to join EnviroAlums**

### **Update on upcoming Careers in the Environment sessions - Claire Brinley, John, and Walt**

- Scheduled four events before the semester started so professors could get it on their calendars
- Doing outreach to AAs, professors, student groups, mailing lists, alumni, etc.
- Career Day
  - EnviroAlums is focusing on Careers in the Environment
  - Would help the department do a Career Day if they're willing to take the lead
  - **Walt - Email Jay Fiskio (Chair) about Career Day**
- Advertising mostly to Oberlin students, but should promote this to everyone on the massive list - just make it clear that students get first dibs on questions
  - Supports those early in their careers and career changes
  - **Claire - email Kyle**
- **Claire - Contact CLEAR center about these events**
- Do we want to create a space on our website where we post these recordings?

### **Update from Communications Subcommittee - Paul**

- Has been struggling/striving to develop long-term and short-term goals
- Want to make EnviroAlums better-known
- Taiyo created a brief survey for alums and students to tell us what services they would like to see from EnviroAlums
  - Who is the audience, what is the message, what is the mode of communication
- What is the most effective way to communicate?
  - Maybe need more brainstorming and discussion
  - **Ad hoc meeting for whole Steering Committee to discuss this**
- Potentially bringing alums into the classroom during the school year

### **Update on Wiser Community and users guide - Claire**

- Need several pushes
  - Need to push more EnviroAlums people there - do something targeted to current EnviroAlums list
    - **Get in contact with Kyle**
    - Describe the possibilities to help students
  - Need to push students to utilize it as a resource
- **Claire - make Careers in the Environment an event in Wiser community**

### **Carbon Neutral**

- Infrastructure failing, needs to be replaced, this project is two birds with one stone
- Can find more info at <https://carbonneutral.oberlin.edu/>

### **Staffing**

- Lost two OES members, and losing two ES professors

- Unclear how ES courses will be taught next year, everyone but 2 professors will be gone
- Hopefully will get some temporary people, but they aren't advisors

### **Dues**

- Used to have \$10 or \$20 dues,
- Some expressed that fundraising is more effective
- **Need to have future discussion**