

EnviroAlums

Affiliate Report: September 2004-September 2005

Alumni Council Weekend – 16-18 September 2005

Carl N. McDaniel '64, Chair

Membership

96 alumni have returned membership forms and paid dues in 2004-05.

Finances

Funds remaining from last year: \$917.75

Income: \$3,691.00

Expenses: \$1,823.42

Current balance: \$2,785.33

Current balance includes \$1,085.00 in a special fund raised from the membership for supporting student activities that promote environmental education and the implementation of Oberlin's Environmental Policy.

Steering Committee Meeting (11 September 2004)

The Steering Committee (SC) met on 11 September 2004 in the Lewis Center. Susan Bernat, Rachel Cohn (student member), Erik Jansson, Michael Lythcott, Carl McDaniel, John Petersen, Robert Stenger (student member), Paul Treuhaft, and Pat Tarnow were present. Michael Bobker, Mira Inbar, Claire Jahns, Rosalyn Johnson, Peter Lavigne (resigned, Sept 04), Peter Racher, and Michael Murray were unable to attend. David Orr joined the meeting for a lunch-time presentation by and discussion with about a dozen students. Carl McDaniel and Susan Bernat were asked and agreed to serve as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, for the coming year.

SC members and terms: Rosalyn Johnson, Carl N. McDaniel, Julie Maxson, and John Petersen (member and faculty liaison) (expire in 2005); Claire Jahns, Susan Bernat, Michael J. Lythcott, Peter Racher, and Mira Inbar (expire in 2006); Michael Bobker, Rachel Cohn, Walter Galloway, Michael Murray, Erik Jansson, Robert Stenger, Pat Cobb Tarnow, and Paul Treuhaft (expire in 2007).

Full meeting report is in the Alumni Office and on E's website (www.oberlin.edu/envs/oeeaa).

Activities

1) The E Steering Committee prepared and circulated among alums a resolution that strongly endorsed the implementation of Oberlin's Trustee approved Environmental

Policy. The resolution with 146 signatures was given the Board of Trustees and President Nancy Dye in December 2004.

2) EnviroAlums established a fund for supporting student activities that promote environmental education and implementation of Oberlin's Environmental Policy. Donations of \$1,285 were given and \$200 was provided in August 2005 to the Orientation Committee of the student Environmental Policy Implementation Group for a new-student program on environmental projects and organizations.

3) EnviroAlums organized and provided funds for a May 2005 Alumni Reunion symposium entitled, "Social Justice and the Environment: Oberlin & Beyond." Terri Swearingen (guest speaker) and John Petersen '88 inspired all present as they placed environmental concerns in an overarching context in which Oberlin can champion its deep history of, and concern for, social justice.

4) EnviroAlums worked with Belden Paulson '50 to coordinate a meeting following the "Social Justice and the Environment: Oberlin & Beyond" symposium to discuss implementing Oberlin's Environmental Policy.

5) The *Environmental Studies Program Annual Newsletter* (Spring 2005) published "EnviroAlums at Three Years" by Carl McDaniel.

6) EnviroAlums are making an on-going effort to have alums be aware of Oberlin's EP and the importance of implementation. Groups have meet in New York City, Chicago, and other places to discuss environmental issues in general and Oberlin's environmental programs in particular.

7) Many EnviroAlums members have environmentally oriented professions and others have strong interests in environmental topics. Their many activities are important and support Oberlin's effort to effectively address environmental issues.

Respectively submitted,
Carl N. McDaniel
Chair EnviroAlums
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