

ENVIROALUMS ANNUAL REPORT

Alumni Council Weekend – 21-23 September 2012
Carl McDaniel '64, Chair
Tim Ballard '10, Vice Chair
Andrew deCoriolis '07, Student Projects Coordinator

Membership: EnviroAlums has an email list of about 150 members.

Finances: Balance forwarded: \$1,676

Income: \$3,755
Expenses: \$2,475
Current balance: \$2,956

Endowment: Current balance: \$97,732

Gifts in FY 2011: \$7,455.
Expenses: \$2,000
2011 earnings: \$4,938
Earnings available on 1 July 2012: \$16,257

Steering Committee members and terms: Susan Bernat, Meredith Dowling, Anders Ferguson (expire 2012); Timothy Ballard, Andy Barnett, Andrew deCoriolis, Walt Galloway, Pat Cobb Tarnow (expire 2013); Kristin Braziunas, Lewis Gilbert, Carl McDaniel, John Petersen, and John Schaefer (expire 2014); and Casey Lee for a 1 year term (student representative).

Steering Committee Meetings: Full meeting reports are in the Alumni Office and on E's website [<http://new.oberlin.edu/office/alumni-affiliate-groups/enviro-alums/>].

1. Steering Committee met in the Lewis Center from 12:00 noon to 2:30 PM on 24 September 2011.

Present: Kristin Braziunas, Lewis Gilbert, Casey Lee, Carl McDaniel, Pat Cobb Tarnow, [in Lewis Center] and Tim Ballard, Andrew Barnett, Susan Bernat, Andrew deCoriolis, Walt Galloway, John Petersen, John Schaefer, Maggie Zimmer [via teleconference].

Absent: Meredith Dowling.

Guest: Colin Coffel (Environmental Sustainability Fellow, Office of Environmental Sustainability)

Activities of EnviroAlums from September 2011 to September 2012:

1. **Financial Support for Student and Community Environmental Initiatives.** Seven RFPs were submitted and four were funded, 1 at \$200 and 3 at \$500.
 - a. Transportation support for Jennifer Helfand and Hanna Slipakoff to attend "Growing Food and Justice for All Gathering" conference, 9-11 Sept 2012, in Milwaukee, WI.
 - b. To support and publicize spring Ecolympics E funded the production of 1500 refrigerator magnets to be used as part of the Ecolympics incentives program organized by Leah Pallanat.
 - c. Ohio Fraction Camp in Oberlin, OH (April 2012) organized by Mary-Claire Erskine. A two day event to educate students and citizens about the fracking process for mining natural gas and oil.
 - d. Ohio Fraction Camp in Youngstown, OH (July 2012) organized by Mattis Deutch and Austin Meyers. A two day event to educate students and citizens about the fracking process for mining natural gas and oil.

2. **Summer and January-Term Internships:** A dozen E members volunteered to offer summer or J-term internships to Oberlin students. Their contact information was provided to Donna Russell in Career Services.
3. **Local Alumni Event:** Six E members offered to work with John Keller in the Alumni Office to see if he/she could assist John Keller with a local alumni event.
4. **Student Professional Development:** SC decided to provide the Environmental Studies Department with \$1,000 for the 2011-2012 academic year to be utilized by the department to support student professional development. Any Oberlin student is eligible to apply for support from these funds administered by the ENV Department.
5. **E Representative on Alumni Council Executive Board:** Lewis Gilbert is E's representative on the Alumni Council Executive Board, beginning his second year in September 2012. Lewis Gilbert will bring an environmental perspective to the Executive Board that will be critical as The Oberlin Project matures and as Oberlin (city and college) strives toward becoming climate positive and creating a model from which other communities can learn.
6. **The Oberlin Project:** E organized an hour presentation for the Alumni Council Executive Board on The Oberlin Project given on 2 March 2012 (Anders Ferguson, Cindy Frantz, Walt Galloway, Carl McDaniel, and David Orr). E's Environmental Panel at the 2012 Commencement/Reunion was also a presentation on The Oberlin Project (Cindy Frantz, Rob Lamma Carl McDaniel, David Orr, and John Peteresen) followed by 40 minutes of lively discussion among the 60 participants.
7. **Friends of The Oberlin Project:** E Steering Committee unanimously elected to have E become a Friend of The Oberlin Project and contribute \$10,000 to Friends of the Oberlin Project (\$2,000 per year for the next five years beginning in fiscal year 2011-2012).
8. **Other contributions:** Many EnviroAlums 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.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl N. McDaniel '64
Chair, EnviroAlums