

ENVIROALUMS ANNUAL REPORT

Alumni Council Weekend – 27-29 September 2013
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: \$115,523

Income and growth: \$17,791
Expenses: \$2,000
Earnings available on 1 July 2012: \$24,317

Steering Committee members and terms: 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); Susan Bernat, Meredith Dowling, Anders Ferguson (expire 2013) 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 2:00 PM on 2 March 2013.

Present: Kristin Braziunas, Carl McDaniel [in Lewis Center] and Tim Ballard, Susan Bernat, Anders Ferguson, Walt Galloway, John Petersen, John Schaefer [via teleconference].

Absent: Lewis Gilbert, Meredith Dowling, Pat Cobb Tarnow, Andrew Barnett, Andrew deCoriolis, Maggie Zimmer.

Guests: Kyle Aungst, Cate Battey, and David Roswell, students from Responsible Investing Organization (RIO), gave a presentation on RIO's projects on campus and discussed with E SC divestment from fossil fuel investments by the College and other sustainable investment options.

Activities of EnviroAlums from September 2012 to September 2013:

1. **Financial Support for Student and Community Environmental Initiatives.** Five RFP requests, 1 RFP submitted and 1 funded at \$300. E also supports guests and speakers with housing at Trail Magic (McDaniel home).

a. Mark Shepard, "Restoration Ecology" a campus presentation on February 13, 2013 and field workshop on February 14, 2013.

2. **Alumni and other sponsored speakers:**

a. Aaron Birk '01, "The Anarchist's Apiary: Guerilla Gardening, Urban Agriculture, and Restoration Ecology in the Post Industrial Age," October 9, 2012; Aaron also participated in 2 classes: Art and the Environment (Art Department) and Fiction Workshop (English Department).

b. Abe Kruger '04, "Green Building: Beyond Environmental Benefits," April 11, 2013; Abe also participated in Energy and Society class (ENV), met with local couple who is building a high

performance home and their architect and builder, and met with College Environmental Sustainability Subcommittee on Building Standards.

c. Brian Czech, "Supply Shock: Growth versus Steady State Economy," September 16, 2013; Brian also participated in Introduction to Environmental Studies. Dr. Czech is a conservation biologist at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as well as founder and president of Center for the Advancement of the Steady State Economy.

3. **Student Professional Development:** SC provided the Environmental Studies Department with \$1,000 for the 2012-2013 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.
4. **E Representative on Alumni Council Executive Board:** Lewis Gilbert is E's representative on the Alumni Council Executive Board, beginning his third year in September 2013. 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.
5. **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).
6. **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