FUSE Meeting Minutes (2/20/2018)

- The feature discussion topic this month: empower the campus community to enhance the University’s culture of sustainability.
- How do we measure sustainability literacy?
  - John Metz suggested observing behaviors in the Student Union
  - Erin Charlton suggested an incentivized survey
- ECOS updates:
  - Planning to have a table at the next Fresh Fusion
  - May merge with the Hiking Club (previously known as the Blue Flannel Club)
- Sustainability in orientations:
  - Step one: figure out who’s in charge
  - Tell new students about carpooling, alternative transportation options
  - Do an activity with the bikes; specifically, teach people how to download the app, how to ride them, maybe have riding campus tours
  - Teach students about importance of waste reduction – provide tips such as: use reusable water filter instead of plastic bottles
  - Get sustainability tips in the orientation packets
  - Educate Victor Guides with sustainability info to tell on campus tours
- Future FUSE meetings:
  - Everyone in attendance agreed that keeping a consistent meeting time would be best (i.e. their Tuesday of the month)
  - Erin Charlton suggested adding FUSE to NorseSync to encourage attendance
- Enhancing the University’s culture of sustainability:
  - Tiffany Budd suggested sending energy-saving tips to ThisWeek emails, staff congress listserv, digital signs
- Green Umbrella’s food waste research project:
  - Abdul wants to help with this project
  - John Metz may know a faculty member interested in this research
- Energy Saving Tips:
  - Dave Renaker says IT considered automatic power-down of campus computers, but the program failed (many issues persisted), says $ and interest from administration would be required to start again
- Recyclemania:
  - Share more frequent updates, send campus-wide email, host a Recyclemania table in the SU with ECOS to promote and educate

In Attendance:
- Tess Phinney
- David Renaker
- Jim Parker
- Tiffany Budd
- John Metz
- Abdul Alreshaidan
- Erin Charlton
- Bailey Peterson