Participants: Sonya Malkhassian, Blase Scarnati, Jim Allen, Dominique Bain, Tim Clark, Cynthia Kosso, David Bousquet, Alison Adams, Kristen Bullard Stephanie Lopez, Kathee Rose, Bradi Rhodes, Luis Fernandez, McKenzie Jones, Brandon Merz, Paul Gazda, Patrick Pynes, Karin Wadsack, Susan Nyoka, Rod Parnell, Bryan McLaren, Rebecca McIlvaine, Michelle Thomas, Jon Gustafson, Rebecca Campbell, Susan Williams, Katherine Amaral, Kim Curtis, Shelley Silbert

Introductions and Announcements (Please contact person making announcement directly for more information):

- **Bryan McLaren:** The Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS) report was submitted and NAU received a competitive rating of a silver rating. Bryan created a new slide show on Creating a Culture of Sustainability found at: [http://www.green.nau.edu/docs/NAU_Sustainability_powerpoint.pdf](http://www.green.nau.edu/docs/NAU_Sustainability_powerpoint.pdf)

- **Karin Wadsack:** As part of a project for Sustainable Energy Solutions Institute at NAU, a Skystream wind turbine was recently installed in Williams at Ponderosa High and soon others will be installed at the ARD building at NAU and at St. Michael's School as part of Wind for Schools.

- **Paul Gazda:** Looking for student interns for the Sustainable Environmental Practices Action Team which works on eliminating the use of toxic herbicides, pesticides and other hazardous materials on the NAU campus, facilitating land-based practices that demonstrate sustainable methods.

- **McKenzie Jones:** There will be a City of Flagstaff Composting Workshop on Saturday, August 20 at 11am at the Bonito Street Garden. Also coming up is Sustainable Home and Garden Tour, a free educational event on September 10, 2011. The tour is self-guided and starts at Willow Bend Environmental Education Center. For more info go to: [http://www.coconino.az.gov/comdev.aspx?id=6616](http://www.coconino.az.gov/comdev.aspx?id=6616)

- **Kristen Bullard:** next Transportation Action Team meeting is August 26th at 9:30am in the ARD Large Pod.

- **David Bousquet:** New bus service dedication will be August 19th at Bus Stop #1 located on Beaver St. on Thursday, August 18th at 11am.
II. EC Business

1. Shelley led the discussion which resulted in EC members approving Rod Parnell as the new EC Steering Committee and five new EC Steering Committee Members:
   - Derek Hansen, Marketing Coordinator, EMSA
   - Eva Putzova, Director, University Policy Initiatives
   - Scott Perelstein, Associate Director, Residence Life
   - Agnes Drogi, Construction Manager, Capital Assets
   - Luis Fernandez, Director, Master of Arts in Sustainable Communities
   - Nolan Bade, undergraduate in Environmental Sciences, was appointed by the Student Environmental Caucus as the second student on the Steering Committee.

   The current members can be viewed at: http://envcaucus.nau.edu/contact.php

   It was also approved to amend the Approved Leadership Transition Process to change the number to a total of 15 members on the EC Steering Committee.

2. Future structures for sustainability decision-making on campus: Shelley announced that there is an executive sustainability committee being formed by the President and the Environmental Caucus has provided input on possible membership after being asked to provide recommendations.

3. Strategic Priorities for EC – Rod distributed a draft of the strategic priorities that evolved from both the June EC meeting and the planning retreat of the Environmental Caucus Steering Committee in June. Rod and Shelley asked members to review the content and contact either of them if there is any strategic priority that is missing for the document or if you have any comments/suggestions.

4. Collaboration on Sustainability Speakers for 2011-2012 – Shelley asked if there were any speakers coming?
   Colin Beavan will be on campus on Monday, September 26th.
   Sonja Malkhassian would like to bring a speaker from the Biomimicry Institute. A committee will work together regarding speakers: Luis Fernandez, Sonja Malkhassian, Pat Paynes and Kathee Rose
4. Update on No Impact Week - Rebecca Campbell announced that there will be book discussions for No Impact Man. Faculty/staff can contact her if they would like to lead a discussion. There will be discussion guides available to utilize or faculty/staff can create their own discussion questions. Student, Jon Gustafson, distributed a sheet that outline the themes for different days of the week with possible films and contact persons for the day’s events.

5. NAU Orientation and follow-up (Blase Scarnati & Kevin Ordean) – This was postponed until the next EC meeting.

6. SESES Director Update – Rod announced that the search resulted in not hiring a candidate so the Interim Director will be Tom Hoisch.

7. EC Fall Potluck, Wednesday September 21, 6-8 pm (note change from original date of September 22, which is World CarFree Day), hosted by Provost Liz Grobsmith and Carl Ramsey at Carl’s LEED Platinum home. Shelley distributed a print copy of the map; contact her if you would like to receive a map. Carpooling is encouraged and if you have room in your vehicle to bring students, please let Shelley know. Staff and faculty should bring extra large portions for the potluck; students don’t need to bring food if they don’t have place to prepare it.

III. Presentation and tour of the SSLUG Garden
Susan Nyoka, Campus Organic Gardener, and Patrick Pynes, Sustainable Communities Faculty member, presented a historical background of the garden as well as the status of the garden currently and plans for future growth.

Next Monthly Meeting
Monday, September 12, 2011, 12 – 1:30 pm
ARD Large Pod Room

Thanks to Kathee Rose for taking notes at the meeting!