Environmental Awareness Group 2012-2013 Report

The EAG’s primary activity for 2012-2013 focused on its primary initiatives:

- **Supporting:** the educational component of the University’s Climate Action Plan.
- **Monitoring:** progress and/or environmental missteps.
- **Recommending:** to University Faculty and administrative groups/leaders steps to take to protect and sustain the natural and built environment.
- **Advocating:** urging and organize the University community to undertake social action in support of sustainability.

Specific activities included:

- Supported, with the Sustainability Coordinator, the collection of information about faculty teaching and research pertaining to environmental sustainability
- Facilitated the flow of information about environmental issues by serving as a clearinghouse for sustainability-related initiatives and events on campus and locally and communicating that information to faculty via the EAG newsletter (distributed via the faculty-info@richmond.edu listserv).
- Evaluated the designation of courses and research areas related to sustainability for the annual Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System™ (STARS) report.
- Advocated for changes in faculty teaching and research and ongoing university practices to promote sustainability—with a focus on areas that are stressed in the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System™ (STARS) report.
- Provided representation of the faculty on the Sustainability Working Group (the chair of the EAG attended meetings of the SWG).

**2012-13 Membership:**

Joan Neff, Associate Provost, ex officio
Megan Zanella-Litke, Sustainability Coordinator, ex officio
David Dean - Business (serving a second 3yr. term, expiring 2015) Neil Ashworth substituting 2012-13 academic year
Eugene Wu -A&S (1st of 3 yrs., expiring 2015)
Joe Essid - A&S (1st of 3 yrs., expiring 2015)
Don Forsyth - JSLS (1st of 3yrs., expiring 2015)
Noah Sacks - Law (1st of 3 yrs., expiring 2015)
David Kitchen - SPCS (1st of 3 yrs., expiring 2015)