Environmental Awareness Group 2013-2014 Report

In 2013-2014 the EAG promoted environmental and sustainability initiatives by:

- **Disseminating** information pertaining to sustainability and the environment to educators and students
- **Supporting** the educational and research activities at the University of Richmond that focus on sustainability and the environment
- **Monitoring** progress and/or environmental practices and educational/research activities related to sustainability
- **Recommending** to University Faculty and administrative groups/leaders steps to take to increase educational efforts pertaining to protecting and sustaining the natural and built environment
- **Advocating** for greater awareness and social action in support of sustainability and educational activities related to sustainability

Specific activities:

- **Disseminated** information about sustainability-related initiatives and events on campus and locally via the EAG newsletter (distributed via the faculty-info@richmond.edu listserv).
- **Supported** teaching and research with a focus on sustainability, including:
  - reviewed, at the request of the Office of Sustainability, the Climate Action Plan update
  - provided a representative to the Sustainability Working Group
  - initiated the first Sustainability and the Environment Award at the Student Research Symposium
  - facilitated the recruitment of an on campus outreach coordinator from an environmental group (Chesapeake Conservatory)
  - co-led a faculty excursion providing suggestions for Richmond faculty interested in increasing coverage of environmental topics in their teaching and research
- **Monitored** sustainability practices on the campus through a series of briefings with University staff responsible for maintenance and capital projects
- **Recommended** to faculty and administrators programs and practices that would enhance sustainability, including a course-development program that would provide incentives for faculty to redesign courses
- **Advocated** within the University community on such topics as recycling, use of local produce in dining facilities, energy use, campus bee population, campus master plan, etc.

2013-14 Membership:

- Neil Ashworth (substituting 2012-13 academic year)
- Joel Eisen – Law (spring 2014)
- Joe Essid - A&S (2nd of 3 yrs., expiring 2015)
- Don Forsyth - JLS (2nd of 3 yrs., expiring 2015)
- David Kitchen - SPCS (2nd of 3 yrs., expiring 2015)
- Noah Sacks – Law (fall 2013, 2nd of 3 yrs., expiring 2015)
- Megan Zanella-Litke, Sustainability Coordinator, ex officio
- Eugene Wu -A&S (2nd of 3 yrs., expiring 2015)
- Joan Neff, Associate Provost, ex officio