Ongoing / Continuing Work

1. Board of Governors

BOG meets on November 19th. Any action items emanating from this will be reported orally.

2. Sustainability

We held an SWG meeting this week and held a consultation for our strategic plan. We’ve also created new task forces on an array of different projects including a campus greenhouse, zero emissions research, and sustainable purchasing promotion.

I will also soon be meeting with each business manager to go over what sustainable practices they’re currently implementing in their businesses and where they can improve.

The university sustainability committee has also drafted a similar letter to our motion with regards to the university working towards zero emissions and we are working to ensure UMSU, GSA and UMFA sign on. We are pressing the university to examine student proposals on how to incorporate geothermal or solar power into their system, given the establishment of duel fuel generators.

The UofM is working as well on an RFP submission to the city to obtain a pipeline to bring landfill gas from Brady Landfill to campus in order to use this as a primary fuel source. Studies have shown this would be the most affordable renewable energy source available. We look forward to assisting in this lobbying effort along with the GSA.

Lastly, shout out to UMEarth who is hosting a sustainability fair in UC November 26th! Make sure to pop by!

3. Transit Update

I am addressing city council Thursday November 21st on the fee increase item and will present to the board on this orally.