Cindy Eisenhour, our ACS environmental post-doc for 11/12 & 12/13 was introduced. Bob Musil, the featured speaker for the evening was introduced.

Scott reported our current ranking of 138 of 362 schools in the Per Capita Classic. This is well ahead of our position last year. The collection period runs through April 2.

Preston reported some tentative discussions with a group of students about an environmental house dorm living/learning thing. Patrick encouraged the student group to make clear how the living setting is important to their goals and objectives.

Patrick K-M gave a brief summary of the Green Week activities. Bob Musil commented that he has seen a lot of campus green week type of events and ours is unique in the extent and success of integrating the arts and humanities into activities and perspectives. The work by Caroline and others presenting at the Lecture Slam was excellent. The Eco-Speak event had good attendance. The committee expressed congratulations to Patrick for the success and all his work in organizing the events. Dan Kirchner has contacted our group to begin planning for next years event. The main speakers have a local foods/healthy lifestyles focus.

Brett reported that GROWS has begun the spring season by planting spinach. Other crops have been selected and will have a sharper focus on produce that can support Sodexho.

Brett conducted an informal poll in one of his classes and about 40% of those students did not know about MAL. The ensuing discussion identified several ways we can make this excellent effort more visible on campus – TV screens, visit to MAL this spring, other informational programs.

Caroline asked that we examine the overlap of material that occurs in some of our courses currently part of our environmental studies program. Some topics get covered in multiple courses. In discussion we recognized the value of demonstrating how the methods particular to a specific discipline can address a common topic. Question was asked about the status of discussions of a possible major among the Environmental Studies Program Committee. No answer.

Patrick and Steve reported continuing discussions with Summit Energy and Jason Delambre. A recommendation to President Roush is planned. Vague timeline.

Dr. Musil, our featured speaker for Green Week, joined us for this meeting. Below are some comments he offered:
• His clearest point is that as advocates we must not over-emphasize the challenges but rather the opportunities that are possible for change.
• We should strive to widen the range of groups and constituencies involved on our campus, reaching out to greek organizations and sports teams. What Bob calls “breaking through beyond the core” Efforts to get a larger constituency.
• Peggy Bartlett, Emory U. is a good resource for integrating curriculum and sustainability perspectives.
• Centre has a relatively new effort and has made good progress.
• Discussion of a major in environmental studies as a possible progression in our efforts to strengthen the academic portion of our efforts.

Topic for discussion at next meeting. Visit to Mother Ann Lee, coordinate with ECCO.