

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2009

Location: Physical Plant Conference Room
Presiding: Dave Lococo, Kathleen Smythe
Present: Kelly Akers, James Cave, Steve Cobb, George Farnsworth, Dave Lococo, David Mengel, Shane Mulvihill, Doug Olberding, Kiki Richardson, Mary Rosenfeldt, Greg Schaber, Kathleen Smythe

Next Meeting: June 8th, 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Physical Plant Large Conference Room

Meeting called to order at 7:30 a.m.

Minutes from 4/6/2009 approved

Liason Update

Dave and Kathleen sent a series of recommendations to the President's Cabinet and Fr. Graham; Bob Sheeran was chosen as the liason. He will meet with Kathleen and Dave regularly to report committee goings-on to Mike Graham and will be a great spokesperson for us.

Sustainability Day – October 27th, 2009: No Class

We have a speaker in place for the day. Her name is Nancy Tuchman, from the Center for Urban and Environmental Research and Planning at Loyola University in Chicago. We also have an environmental film festival from the Buckeye Forest Council available to us. It is approximately 3.5 hours in length, and we could bring it together at a near time (perhaps the Friday before?). A half day program is no longer in consideration. Instead, we will be starting the programming later in the morning—with a speaker in the AM and a discussion of committee work in the afternoon. Mike Graham **does** want to speak at the event. A suggestion was raised that we have an expo of displays in the concourse of Cintas for campus groups doing things sustainability-related for browsing before/during lunch. Student involvement is important to Sustainability Day's success. Perhaps the expo could be student-driven, or we could propose having special food at the café to promote discussion, or the luncheon could be attended by 50 or so well-qualified student representatives. All of these ideas were well-met and will be discussed further in the Sustainability Day subcommittee.

Faculty Survey

Kathleen received 40-45 responses from different faculty members on how much sustainability is built into their respective curriculums. Results were tallied and submitted to various committee individuals for their perusal.

Subcommittee reports

Energy and Infrastructure: Dave spoke regarding the Duke Energy pilot program, with the goal to promote a uniform thermostat across campus. Critical points: how many days, how much energy we would need to curtail, determination of payment, payment received whether or not

there is an instigation to curtail, and the instigation of our own event to see if we're capable. This program could lead to the development of a sinking fund for energy-related projects.

Climate Action Plan (CAP)

A brief discussion was held regarding what we may be looking for in our own plan at Xavier. Mary reviewed several plans, and indicated that the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and University of San Diego plans were some that held her interest. They each included introductory and "body" sections—with intro statements, goals and actions, and challenges. They also included recommendations with a long-term vision and action steps possible today, in 1-3 years, and in 5+ years. Upon reviewing several plans with the projector, it was decided that we would adapt the plan to our 3 main areas of focus: transportation, energy/buildings, and academics. Each of these sections will have goals and a 3-step scenario (immediate, short-term, and long term). Financing and community engagement will also be considerations, as well as a discussion of the quality of life of future generations if we do not meet our goals. Student involvement in drafting the action plan will be crucial. More than one student will be needed in each of the areas, with the emphasis on a general discussion of goals. SGA involvement will also be needed as the representatives of the student body.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
James Cave