

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes  
January 12, 2009

Location: Physical Plant Conference Room  
Presiding: Dave Lococo, Kathleen Smythe  
Present: Kelly Akers, Steve Cobb, George Farnsworth, Pickett Harrington, Annette Marksberry, Doug Olberding, Kiki Richardson, Mary Rosenfeldt, Greg Schaber, Brett Simmons, Caroline Solis, Samantha Thomeczek  
Next Meeting: February 9, 7:45 AM, Physical Plant Large Conference Room

We started with an introduction of Caroline Solis, new student member to replace Brett Simmons, who will overlap meetings for several weeks.

Discussion of Minutes

1. Minutes approved. It was discussed that they are too voluminous.

Academic Day:

1. Discussed it with FG and he was relatively enthusiastic as well as saw the constraints that we might face if we led the effort.
2. Doug commented that other things might get pushed to the side as we focus so much on being an academic day planning committee. What about tangible actions for this year?
3. Steve wondered if we are actually a year ahead of ourselves. It might be more effective if we are further along on with other actions first. Maybe we would have more to show in the future.
4. Kathleen said that volunteering for academic day was really focused on the institutional action plan and making sure that it is institutional wide. Without a large public forum how do we ensure that this happens over the course of the next year?
5. Dave asked when the institutional plan is actually due.
6. Kathleen said that it is due in April according to the commitment. She would like it to be done by Jan. 2010.
7. Dave said that hopefully a more solidified institutional action plan and buy in for it could come out of the event.
8. Kathleen said that the hope is that much of the buy in is already there.
9. Mary worries about being overwhelmed by the task of getting it all together unless we have a lot of people to pull it off. She thinks that it will overtake the other things going on.
10. Sam wondered who plans it normally?
11. Kathleen said that it varies but that it normally comes out of Stinson's office in some manner.
12. George inquired about focusing a small group of this committee onto the academic day stuff and the possibility that it would be a good public embarrassment.
13. Brett wondered whether this event might overcome some of the constraints that we have faced in the past year as far as getting the word out about our campus and having the inertia to move forward.
14. Kathleen said that there are people that are willing to help us but Steve's point about what we have available is still valid.

15. Doug said that this might still be an opportunity to cut through the clutter of everything going on and get the word out, at least in terms of engaging faculty and staff. If we do this he would like to see someone from student life and representation from the traditional arts and sciences to get some buy in there. Social sciences have the view that efforts have not been as inclusive as they could be and addressing this shortfall might help with buy in.
16. Getting students involved in this effort would be great. It might be good to get them from just sticking it to the man to also working well within in the system.
17. Kathleen wonders if there is space to even have integrated sessions.
18. Doug thinks that there would be a way to do both.
19. If there is enough advertising to really push it then there should be enough drive to really bring people to the table with their ideas.
20. Students could very well be involved as long as they have knowledge of the motivations and goals that they could accomplish with the knowledge that it will happen and that they have support to do it.
21. We will vote by email on whether or not to undertake the planning of Academic Day.

We then moved into small groups in an attempt to get more accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brett Simmons