

## Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

July 26, 2010

Location: Physical Plant Conference Room

Presiding: Kathleen Smythe & Dave Lococo

Present: Cheryl McElroy, Molly Robertshaw, Doug Olberding, Chris Schadler, Izola White, Dan Marschner

Next meeting: August 30, 2010 at 9:00 am

Meeting called to order at 8:00 am

- Welcome to new members: Chris Schadler and Izola White
- Festival of Faiths – students will be participating
- Bioneers – conference during October 15-17
  - Coordinated by Imago locally; nationwide conference
  - Student panel for presentation with 1-2 participants, campus tour
  - Registration form needs to be completed, will be in contact with Dave Lococo
- Mini-grant to Ohio Environmental Education Fund
  - Software to allow monitors to communicate with each other and create an energy dashboard to indicate energy use per capita
  - Final version almost complete
  - Used for 2 week energy and water competition in February
    - Run by student interns; conflict of dates with Recyclemania
    - Timing is critical for the competition
    - Xavier will purchase meters – will not be publicizing them until February to get a baseline measure
- Sustainability Day: October 25, 2010
  - Transportation: amnesty hour (people could come later due to alternative transportation) and ride share board consideration
    - Web based ride share board prohibitively expensive and has limited efficacy
      - e.g. \$10 K to develop, \$7600 to manage per year
    - Indicate in the RSVP how people normally commute, any differences this year?
    - Facebook and/or other social media group i.e. Cincinnati ride share site
    - Carbon calculator will be used again
    - Carpools challenging to implement – should we emphasize biking, walking, and other individual means of transport instead?
      - Challenge: most people do not live within biking or walking distance, bus routes are not nearby
  - First Presidential announcement approved – will be sent on August 25, 2010
    - Followed the following week by Sustainability Committee announcement
    - Shari Mickey-Boggs will also have some input

- Sustainability Day 2009 - 220 in the morning, 100 in the afternoon
  - Not cancelling classes, half day, probably will have about 150
  - Space: who books the space in the Conaton Learning Commons (CLC)?
  - Use of CLC would depend upon the number of participants – once we have numbers we can make a more definite presentation
- Committee Presentation
  - Campus-wide accomplishments of previous year – suggestions?
  - Not just about carbon reduction – ecological footprint
  - Not just budgetary – university-wide shift in perspective
  - Big goals of the plan – 100% reduction by 2025
  - Highlight 10 (?) goals to emphasize for the conversation
    - Pick out goals that the campus can influence
    - Each participant would then choose the topic of most interest to them
  - Whole committee needs to identify essential goals that can be most impacted by the community (1-2 goals)
- Opening video (5 minutes)
  - 8-10 hours of consultant time will emphasize the video
  - Academics and students greater emphasis than Physical Plant
  - Determine top 2-3 interviews – time restricted
    - Use campus TV station?
    - Environmental Science majors
    - Integration into course work: results orientated
      - Jodi Wyatt – worked with nonprofits / philanthropy
      - Elizabeth Groppe: huge impact on students
    - Could we gauge interest from professors? Ask for paragraphs from each, then determine who would be the best fit
  - Interns should definitely be part of it
  - Garden footage recently done – she could use those images
- Campus Sustainability Plan
  - Due to ACUPCC on September 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Plan finished by late May
    - Cabinet result: include the CSP in UPRC process
    - Roger Fortin and Maribeth Amyot provided feedback
  - Fr. Graham – emphasize the first three years
    - Not in keeping with our long-term goal – cannot ignore long-range goals
  - Emphasis on next few years highlights low cost initiatives
    - More transformative measures require longer term vision
  - Reaction from decision makers: University overwhelmed by change; difficult to absorb another major challenge
    - Larger challenges can be identified through cost-savings and use of funds
    - UPRC complicates Sustainability efforts

- 3 key items: energy conservation measures, transportation system, Sustainability Director
- More than just money – low cost, but high emotional content; plans of action
- Case studies of other universities – what have they done with Sustainability?
- Maribeth’s call to boldness – what impact will CSP have?
- Educational component for Cabinet members is essential
- Fr. Graham – Sustainability needs to be part of goals of all divisions of XU
  - Implement 2-3 objectives per division
- Go Green Guide: walk Cabinet member through the plan with this guide
  - Go Green Guide does not replace 2-3 CSP objectives
  - The last two pages should be removed from the guide
- CSP has not been digested – need liaisons to work with Cabinet to determine goals for each division
- e.g. University policy with regard to computer usage – when should they be turned off?
  - David Dodd should indicate the official policy
- Final version of CSP by the end of next month, Go Green Guide as well
  - Start conversations after next Sustainability Committee meeting
- Light bulb exchange on Move-in Day
  - Residence Life: give us a flyer and bulbs, and we’ll handle the details
- Hamilton County District Priority grant – up to \$50,000
  - Geared toward new initiatives i.e. university compositing, improved recycling containers
  - Composting initiative for Cafeteria – would fit the grant
  - Deadline September 29<sup>th</sup>, notified November 30<sup>th</sup>
- Move meeting to the new buildings – need to reserve spaces

Submitted by Dan Marschner