

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2009

Location: Physical Plant Conference Room
Presiding: Dave Lococo, Kathleen Smythe
Present: James Cave, Steve Cobb, George Farnsworth, Dave Lococo, Annette Marksberry, David Mengel, Doug Olberding, Mary Rosenfeldt, Greg Schaber, Kathleen Smythe, Caroline Solis, Samantha Thomeczek

Next Meeting: March 9, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Physical Plant Large Conference Room

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

Minutes from 1/12/2009 approved

Discussion and feedback from the retreat

The discussion about the retreat centered on the Greenhouse Gas Inventory and the Clean Air, Cool Planet model. Among the shortcomings discussed was the model's omission of the impact of students living off-campus with respect to heating their homes/apartments. Another area of discussion was looking into calculating emissions-per-student.

Academic Day

The discussion about the retreat turned to a discussion of Academic Day. As a result of the on-going structural review, rumors were circulating that Academic Day was going to be cancelled. Kathleen Smythe confirmed that these discussions were taking place and that we should proceed with planning some kind of alternative. It was also mentioned that we need to mobilize sympathetic colleagues to support sustainability initiatives in light of the emphasis on cost cutting.

Finalize sub-committee membership

The following assignments were made:

Academic Day – Doug Olberding, Samantha Tomeczek, David Mengel
Budget & Funding – Pickett Harrington, Annette Marksberry
Communications – Greg Schaber, Kelly Akers
Energy & Infrastructure – Dave Lococo & Physical Plant Staff
Transportation – Mary Rosenfeldt, Doug Olberding
Academics – Steve Cobb, George Farnsworth, Kathleen Smythe
Greenhouse Gas Inventory – Steve Cobb, Dave Lococo
Student Liaison – Caroline Solis, James Cave
Intern – James Cave

Subcommittees should meet between monthly meetings. Each subcommittee should file reports to the larger Sustainability Committee and request space on the agenda prior to monthly meetings

The subcommittee structure can also be used as vehicle to develop the sustainability committee as the original members move on.

Subcommittee reports

Subcommittees met from 8:30 to 8:55 and reported their discussions to the group.

Academic Day – We will focus on getting the message out about sustainability. Perhaps rename academic day as Sustainability Day. We will look at options like partnering with UC and NKU, and look into using the ER/S Speakers Series as a vehicle for raising awareness.

Xavier Today – There has been good response to the recent efforts to recruit people to write on sustainability issues. There was discussion of creating a Facebook page for Xavier’s sustainability efforts. James was suggested as someone to lead this effort.

Administrative liaison – This discussion with Fr. Graham is ongoing.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Olberding