

Meeting Minutes

Sustainability Committee

24 January 2011, 8-9:30

Physical Plant Large Conference Room (Alumni Building)

In attendance: Kathleen Smythe, Dave Lococo, Laura Wallace, Izola White, Cheryl McElroy, Taylor Mauro, Liz Blume, Emily TeKolste, Molly Robertshaw, George Farnsworth.

1) Rebecca Luce—guest

- She has created a new MBA class focused on sustainability based on the triple bottom line: social, environmental, and economic sustainability
- It will be an MBA elective offered for the first time in the second summer session
- Four themes of the class: overview, social responsibility, environmental sustainability, and Emerging and Subsistence markets
- Students can come up with a sustainability plan for a company and then implement it

2) Minute-taker— Laura Wallace

3) Old Business

- a) Minutes from 6 December meeting – all good!

4) Sustainability Day/Week

- a) date – November 7, 2011

5) UPRC presentation

- Kathleen and Dave presented that despite our small budget, we have achieved many of our goals through supplemental funding
- Our priority for next year needs to be a full time sustainability director
- Liz suggested that if we aren't given funds for a director in the next year, we look for grants to fund the position, as the University will be more likely to support something once it is already in place
- Molly asked if we had considered asking for a “coordinator” position rather than a “director”

6) Student update

a) intern recruitment schedule:

- Posters and apps up week of the 21st of March
- Info session April 5th at 7pm clocktower
- Apps Due April 8th
- Interviews 9th-12th and decision date April 13th.

b) Earth Month – Em is heading up. It is now a week and still in the planning stages

c) bike co-op – Taylor and Josh are working on this

d) Recyclemania – Laura is heading up the Recyclemania Competition with a Kick Off Event, a Recycling Plant Tour, and presentation from Ohio Action Coalition. \$3,000 was allocated for prizes, the kick-off event, and signage

e) metering competition – Mark Hanlon presented.

- Touch screen computers are with the IT department. There is one for each of the 4 traditional dorms plus one floater. Smith Hall and the CLC are also getting touch screens
- We will plan a meeting with Kathleen, Dave, Cheryl, Mark and the interns to discuss plans for the competition.

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- Res Life is on board
 - i) start after Spring Break start competition, March 14
 - ii) finish before Easter Break April 21
- f) Green fee didn't pass ☹

- 7) Campus Sustainability Plan
 - a) revisions done
 - b) Report on division liaison meetings at Feb. meeting, **which will now be Feb 28 instead of Feb 21**
 - i) assignments
 - Ginny Frings and Taylor Mauro—Ali Malekzadeh
 - Cheryl McElroy—Kandi Stinson
 - Molly Robertshaw and Josh Arthur—Kathleen Simons
 - Dan Marschner—Terry Richards
 - Dave Lococo—Beth Amyot and Bob Sheeran
 - Doug Olberding and Emily Tekolste—Mark Meyer
 - George Farnsworth and Izola White—Debra Mooney
 - Annette Marksberry—David Dodd
 - Kathleen Smythe—Janice and Roger
 - Doug Olberding—John Kucia
 - Kat Hollowell and Laura Wallace—Cheryl Nunez
 - Steve Cobb—Gary Massa
 - Taylor Mauro and Dave Lococo--Shari Mickey-Boggs
 - ii) any questions/feedback
 - Cheryl and Izola already met with Kandi. They printed out the executive summary for her. They asked the following questions:
 - What are the changes already happening?
 - What are the challenges?
 - What other changes do you think you could make?
 - We should leave the meeting with the person knowing that Fr. Graham wants 3 goals

- 8) Other odds and ends
 - a) Smart and Sustainable Campuses Conference (April 3-5, College Park, MD)—2 students to go?
 - We didn't get to this at the meeting
 - b) Sustainability Faculty Fellowship—John Fairfield and Elizabeth Groppe
 - John Fairfield was chosen. Elizabeth Groppe's project was to develop a sustainable agriculture major, and the deciding committee felt that our university wasn't ready for that yet, but we would like to get it there. We will be supporting Elizabeth to get our campus to that place
 - c) East Campus meeting with Bob and Green Urbanism faculty/students and others
 - i) ecovillage survey (see attached)
 - work with Res Life and Pulskamp

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- Emily took the lead on the ecovillage survey
 - ii) green businesses
 - d) DEHP session 3 ½ hours
 - e) Ride board in CS class?
 - One computer science professor would like her students to develop a ride board in class. We aren't sure how practical this will be, but the worst thing that will happen is that students will learn something.
- 9) Upcoming Meetings--Feb. 28, 8-9:30; Mar. 21, 8-9:30; April 18 8-9:30
Sustainability Day—November 7