

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2011

Presiding: Dave Lococo, Kathleen Smythe

Present: Cheryl McElroy, Molly Robertshaw, Dan Marschner

Next meeting: July 11, 2011 at 9:00 am

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am

April minutes approved

SLL Retreat – Molly

2 hours to present

Theme: Inform, Motivate, Activate – indicated points of the plan most impactful for SLL

Brainstorming in office teams – low hanging fruit, stretch goals, models

Follow-up with Kathleen Simons (KS) – lots of energy, but lack of leadership – need directive

Division-wide goals, requirements – KS seems amenable to the CSP

KS does not have goals currently, but she would need more direction

Presentation was one of the SLL goals, further goals need more clarification

Faculty / Staff / Student team was very well received – can it take place at retreat program in each division?

Pre-Survey – 50 of 80 responses, very good results

Sample questions: What is office currently doing? What are you doing personally?

Climate change and recycling attitudes,

Share survey with the rest of the committee – What is the climate in the division? What do administrators think?

Success story for Xavier Today (XT)? Potential outcomes:

Inspire bigger visions – move beyond the basic

Demonstrate how the Cabinet is working on the CSP

Reminder for the campus about the broader interest and that the Cabinet is behind the CSP

XT – background about the visit, not the survey results – Cabinet has been working on setting goals, here is one example through SLL

Summary, ideas that emerged from the meeting

Sustainability Coordinator

Bob Sheeran and Mary Beth Amyot have approved the position

Requirement – resume review form and interview questions completed before the announcement

Need confirmation of office space for the position

Space Utilization Committee formed but has yet to meet

Bob's recommendation – space in Schott, Gallagher Student Center (All Card current location might be available later this year)

CFJ has an open cubicle

Can Dave Lococo work with KS to see if she has space available?

Would KS prefer to have the Coordinator within her division?

Hiring Committee

1. Need for participants who can be decisive, but who also are familiar with sustainability
2. Coordinating meeting times
3. Use outside voices for interview sessions, meet with candidates

Bob recommended smaller committee (5-6) – Possible members:

1. Dave Lococo
2. Faculty member options
 - a. Brent Blair
 - b. Dottie Engle
 - c. Anne Ray
3. Student
 - a. Laura
 - b. Taylor
4. Staff member – Dan Marschner
5. SLL – Someone from Residence Life?

Interview process – incorporate meeting with Grant Services, Kathleen, Izola

If Kathleen is not involved, she can focus on Sustainability Day, Cabinet projects

Cheryl in consultation role with regard to grant / fundraising services?

Will the position no longer require teaching responsibilities?

Resume Review documents / Interview Questions

Those present discussed the resume review form and made some changes which will be attached to the minutes.

Feedback from the Committee meetings with the Cabinet – Bob Sheeran wanted to send feedback to Fr. Graham, so that campus goals for the year would ideally include Sustainability

He felt that a sustainability goal would be unlikely, however

Process and strategize CSP – should we work with those who are interested? Should we push those who aren't as interested?

GHG survey – waiting on input from Dave Lococo

Sustainability Day –

Monday and Tuesday tour of Mill Creek led by Stan Hedeem – 30 people max
Additional tour possible?: Shepley and Bullfinch (architects) of the buildings
Shepley and Bullfinch offered to discuss some of their green projects off campus
Time frame: 1 hour and 15 minutes

Fr. Graham and Committee presentations will take 30 minutes – 45 minutes left
Recology? Presentation on waste processing – work in greater San Francisco, CA
Innovative – engage Entrepreneurial Studies so that student businesses could consider green ideas
Intensive recycling program, conversion of waste to energy, decreased percentage of waste to landfills
Reducing fees for waste due to economic usage of waste
Incorporate into a class presentation with PPP?
Bring in faculty from FLC and discuss their courses?
Add a Rumpke tour? Cincinnati Zoo as co-sponsor?

Students composting – have a sense of costs when students are here - \$125 per week to be picked up and hauled - \$4,100 over the course of the year

Contract to a company – funders are typically not interested in supporting these types of projects

Could various stakeholders on campus support the project financially? SGA?

How can the Sustainability Committee help?

Could SGA launch a pilot? Then propose a grant to determine its viability? Then incorporate it into XU budget?

Hamilton County will fund equipment

Students want to see it happen

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Marschner