

Meeting Minutes

Sustainability Committee

28 February 2011, 8-9:30

Physical Plant Large Conference Room (Alumni Building)

Attendance: Laura, Daniel, Molly, Cheryl, Doug, Taylor, George, Kathleen, Dave, Mark

1) Minute-taker—Laura Wallace

2) Dorm metering (see attached meeting summary)

Guests: Mark Hanlon and Lisa Brown (Residence Life)

- Mark brought a touch screen for us to look at
- KBTU=combined electric and heat divided by the number of students
- He wanted feedback on the design
 - Sign that says “touch the building”
 - Explain KBTU
 - Can you make the whole area live?
 - Can you have a place to compare water usage between all four dorms in addition to the electric usage comparison? Perhaps add a line graph of water usage on top of the bar graph.
 - Perhaps get rid of the dials or graph. It is a little too busy.
 - On the water screen, get rid of “energy performance vs. targets”
 - Have tabs along a bottom that go to a comparison between dorms
 - Have a competition page
 - We’ll need to change the graphic once the new dorm is added
 - Just have map on first page with tabs on the bottom for the comparison
 - Is there a way to change the gray to green to give life to greenspace?
 - Can there be a splash page/screen saver that says “touch me”
 - Comparison between weather and energy usage eventually
 - Can we put a snapshot of energy usage on screens around campus
- Prizes:
 - Trophy for winner
 - Proposed: Graeter’s icecream
 - Is this really sustainable – plastic spoons, containers, etc...let’s use cones!
 - There is concern about who will do prizes
 - We should send a message with what we are providing
 - Party: April 29, 3pm
 - Could we do it in the dining hall? Could we do it in the residence halls?
 - We will have 2 winners – we can’t really combine water and electricity
 - What if we raffled off gift cards? Subway? Coffee Emporium? Off campus?
 - Final decision: we should do a Graeter’s icecream party with cones!

3) Old Business

- a) Minutes from January meeting – all good
- b) Ecovillage survey – Bob Sheeran has already responded. We are ready as soon as Dick Pulskamp is.
- c) DEHP—April 21, 8:30-11 (Molly, Izola, Cheryl and Kathleen)

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4) Student update

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- a) Earth Month – No Impact Man and Talent Fair
- b) bike co-op – Josh Arthur is working on the Women of Excellence grant
 - Fast Wheels is helpful.
 - Total cost is under \$5,000 right now.
 - Starting with 20 bikes.
 - We got a \$1,000 grant from SGA to get new bike racks
- d) Recyclemania – OVER!
 - Planning celebration and working out prize distribution
 - There was some sabotaging...in the future, do it by dorm

5) Campus Sustainability Plan

b) Report on division liaison meetings at Feb. meeting

i) assignments

Ginny Frings and Taylor Mauro—Ali Malekzadeh

- Not responding...we need to convey a message in person

Cheryl McElroy and Izola White—Kandi Stinson

- Everyone should bring forward what people are going to do to make differences in their department
- Go together for things like sustainable cups and plates to buy a lot

Molly Robertshaw and Josh Arthur—Kathleen Simons

- Pleasantly productive and surprisingly open
- Got more excited the more we talked
- Questioned whether sustainability is a fad
- Wants to make a divisional priority and given sustainability a couple hours at retreat
- Wrestling with how to get people to rally around this idea- top down hasn't worked...needs to be ground swell
- Division-wide shifts in terms of office use
- Add sustainability on to end of year reports
- Major questions about how other divisions will remain accountable to this plan...we should share at the cabinet meetings
- Pre and post surveying about values and practices
- Strategize with leadership team about how to get people to rally

*Dan Marschner—Terry Richards

Dave Lococo—Beth Amyot and Bob Sheeran

- Have not contacted because of provost search. Will contact now that decision has been made

Doug Olberding and Emily Tekolste—Mark Meyer

- Made the mistake of putting this on the agenda with a bunch of other things...will talk on Wed morning

*George Farnsworth—Debra Mooney

- 5 min at Faculty and Staff Manresa
- Mentoring on a project (perhaps they could do it on sustainability)

Annette Marksberry—David Dodd

Kathleen Smythe—Janice and Roger

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- Involved in 10 hires, but will circle back with her
- Got more excited, the more that they talked
- Sustainability award for student research presentations
- Keeping sustainability in mind when hiring

Doug Olberding—John Kucia

- Will talk to him in the future

Kat Hollowell and Laura Wallace—Cheryl Nunez

- Meeting set up with Cheryl

*Steve Cobb—Gary Massa

- How interested would the donor base be
- Thought it was the right thing to do, but his hands are kind of time because CSP has to be a priority in the budget process
- Fr. Graham needs to give approval
- Older donor base vs younger – fatigue
- Looking for 2 pages of material about specific initiatives and price tag and an explanation of why these are important
- Sympathetic to including sustainability in discussions about budget priorities

Taylor Mauro and Dave Lococo--Shari Mickey-Boggs

- Meeting coming up
- New Cintas ethics center

ii) feedback

6) GHG survey—due May 2011

7) Other odds and ends

- a) Smart and Sustainable Campuses Conference (April 3-5, College Park, MD)—2 students to go?
- b) Ideas for SD speaker
- c) Best Internship on Earth—Sierra Club

8) Upcoming Meetings-- Mar. 21, 8-9:30; April 18 8-9:30
Sustainability Day—November 7

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