

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2009

Location: Physical Plant Conference Room
Presiding: Dave Lococo, Kathleen Smythe
Present: Kelly Akers, James Cave, Steve Cobb, George Farnsworth, Dave Lococo, Annette Marksberry, Doug Olberding, Kiki Richardson, Mary Rosenfeldt, Greg Schaber, Kathleen Smythe, Caroline Solis

Next Meeting: April 6 with David Orr from Oberlin College

Meeting called to order at 7:35 a.m.

Minutes from 2/9/2009 approved with amendments.

Old Business/Discussion Items:

- Confirmed subcommittee membership
- GHG Inventory sent to Fr. Graham, we gave him more time, and he is going to give feedback
- Kathleen needs at least a sentence about what was discussed in each subcommittee meeting to include in the minutes each month (Please send it to her soon after the meetings)
- Will continue to meet throughout the summer, Kathleen will send out a grid for summer and fall schedules

Subcommittee Reports:

Academic Day (Doug)

They met on 2/25, and are going to re-name Academic Day. They are meeting with Kandi Stinson on 3/11. They are planning to explore funding options, and they would like to involve staff, students, and faculty in the day. The theme for the day will likely be transportation. They would like a speaker and a presentation. The main goals of the day are to create awareness and brainstorm ideas.

Budget/Funding

Nothing to report

Communications (Greg)

They would like to create a calendar/events page, and they are collecting all events that are somewhat related to sustainability to include on it. They have thought about changing “Sustainability at Work” to a bi-weekly piece. They would like to involve more students in this, and would like suggestions of students and topics to write about. (Possibly the AB trip to Catalina Island?) We could offer a giveaway to students who wrote. There were suggestions of art around this, possibly a mural to unveil on sustainability day. Don Prues teaches ENGL 205 and is sending students’ papers relating to sustainability to us.

Energy (Dave)

Duke Energy has petitioned officials to provide parts to limit their construction of new plants. Through this, Xavier is able to change the lighting in Cintas to high-efficiency fluorescent lights. Xavier is entering into an agreement with Duke Energy to be a pilot program of energy conservation. Financial Administration has submitted five projects to the state to be funded by stimulus money, and there are two people lobbying for Xavier. One of the projects is a Central Utility Plant. There were suggestions of doing something (eg. a garden) on the land for Xavier Square, though this land is controlled by BASF and has many restrictive covenants. There are possibilities for composting behind the Alumni building and involving Cintas and the Dining Hall.

Transportation (Mary)

They looked at the Ridership website at UC. They would like to establish a website at Xavier and have it up and running, and really promoted it for Sustainability Day.

Academics

Nothing to report

Students

Nothing to report

Greenhouse Gases (Steve)

They met with Rob Munson to continue the data-gathering process. He will collect data on air miles that are reimbursed, and they will calculate its percentage of total GHG consumption. He will also collect data on the fleet gas consumption of Campus Police.

Work done this meeting:

Earth Day planning

Institutional Action Plan Process

Student Director of Sustainability proposal