

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2008

Location: Physical Plant Conference Room
Presiding: Dave Lococo, Kathleen Smythe
Present: Steve Cobb, George Farnsworth, Annette Marksberry, Doug Olberding, Kiki Richardson, Mary Rosenfeldt, Greg Schaber, Brett Simmons, Samantha Thomeczek
Next Meeting: November 11, 1 p.m., Physical Plant Large Conference Room

September Meeting minutes approved.

I. Discussion Items

- a. Name change-we returned to this at the end of the meeting.
- b. Publicity generally
 - i. Dave put up a portal announcement, which has sparked some interest. We would like to capture the energy of those who want to get involved by putting methods on the website.
 - ii. Barring budget problems, SGA will be purchasing 6 bike racks and placing them around campus, per student input.
- c. Sustaining Admissions article
 - i. Prospective college students have been favoring sustainable schools. Students of all ages want to see ways to get involved in sustainability efforts on campus.
 - ii. There are funding resources listed in this article that we could explore.
- d. Sustainability Day October 22
 - i. There isn't much time to organize anything for this year. Sam and Brett will create a pledge modeled after Santa Clara University.
 - ii. We will have an Earth Day 2009 celebration.
 1. Mary and Sam will look into ideas.
 2. SGA is perhaps holding an Earth Week and we could collaborate.
 - iii. We will celebrate Campus Sustainability Day 2009. Annette and Mary can help with the planning and programming.
 - iv. A calendar of all sustainability related events (national, local, Xavier, etc.) will be compiled and kept on the website. Please send any event information that you find to Dave.
- e. ACUPCC 2 month and other reports
 - i. Dave worked up the 2 month report.
 - ii. What else is due? The GHG inventory is due January 2009.
- f. Subcommittee goals for 2009
 - i. Each subcommittee should submit goals for the next year before the December meeting.
 - ii. Please include goals, updates, suggestions, etc.
 - iii. We will discuss these at the December meeting.
- g. Coordinating work
 - i. Student Life and Leadership

1. Tekeia Howard and Wendy Gordon are co-chairs of the SLL Sustainability Committee.
2. We can work synergistically, especially on tangible actions, for example on the transportation survey.
- ii. Justice Across Campus- Environmental Subcommittee
 1. Neema Nourian is the chair.
 2. They will meet with the tangible actions committee to work on submitting several proposal forms.
- iii. Kroger
 1. Jeff Rickles asked for help on their sustainability efforts.
 2. Dr. Cobb will pass on this information to Bryan Hoffman, a student eager to help.
- iv. A student from the University of Arkansas asked for information on Xavier energy consumption to calculate a metric of energy consumed by technology vs. energy consumed for basic needs, but we do not have that information yet.
- v. National Wildlife Foundation-Campus Solutions to Global Warming Chill Out
 1. This is a contest to highlight steps taken by colleges and universities to reduce environmental impact.
 2. Entries are due by November 30, so we will look ahead to next year.
 3. George will watch the informational DVD and report on it next meeting.

II. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Communication-Website recommendations
 - i. Front page flash could include the Environmental Studies Minor.
 - ii. Related links could include <http://www.nature.org/initiatives/climatechange/calculator/> or another carbon footprint calculator.
 - iii. We would like to add more side tabs.
 1. Get involved
 - a. Determine your carbon footprint link <http://www.nature.org/initiatives/climatechange/calculator/>
 - b. Sustainability Committee
 - i. Spreadsheet of current projects (from proposal form)
 - ii. Minutes of meetings
 - c. Sustainability Pledge
 2. News and events
 - a. Calendar of events
 3. FAQs and tips
- b. GHG Inventory
 - i. We each got a copy of the report completed by the physics class.
 - ii. The inventory is within weeks of completion.

- iii. The Tangible Actions Subcommittee would like a copy of the data gathered from the commuter survey to help with their transportation survey.
 - 1. SLL could also assist with this transportation survey.
- c. Tangible Actions
 - i. Name change- Doug sent out a survey so everyone could vote on the new name. Please remember to vote.
 - ii. Andrew Chestnut of the Newswire asked for a committee response to the Robert F. Kennedy lecture. Individual responses were given, but the committee itself does not respond as a whole.

The meeting concluded with reminders to vote on the name change, to send event information to Dave, and website information or recommendations to Greg.