

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes  
April 6, 2009

Location: Physical Plant Conference Room  
Presiding: Dave Lococo, Kathleen Smythe  
Present: James Cave, George Farnsworth, Dave Lococo, Annette Marksberry,  
Doug Olberding, Kiki Richardson, Mary Rosenfeldt, Greg Schaber,  
Kathleen Smythe, Caroline Solis, David Tobias, Bruce Erikson

Next Meeting: May 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. Physical Plant Large Conference Room

Meeting called to order at 7:30 a.m.

Minutes from 3/9/2009 approved

**March and April Sustainability Lunches**

Greg (with Dave's help) held a very successful luncheon of 20+ individuals from Marketing & Alumni Relations. Dave will be holding his luncheon on April 30<sup>th</sup>, while Mary will be holding hers on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Student Sustainability Position Approval**

Father Graham gave tentative approval to a sustainability intern position for the 2009-2010 school year and beyond. This position will carry a financial aid award, and the programming funding will come from Father Graham's discretionary fund. Dave and Kathleen have offered the position to James for the '09-'10 school year.

**Earth Day—Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Caroline and Bruce are collaborating on an art gallery presentation that will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Gallagher Student Center. The presentation is centered on the Mill Creek Restoration Project. Advertising for the gallery has been limited to this point, but SAC is aware of the event. Caroline also presented the idea for "10 Ways to Green Your Scene," taken from a similar Harvard project. This would entail brainstorming ten practical, simple ways that members of the university could act more environmentally-friendly and then taking comical pictures of professors/students performing these acts. This led to a discussion of the literature that will be passed out at the Earth Day table. Greg noted that stickers with the URL to the sustainability webpage and bookmarks with tips on being sustainable have been approved for printing. It was also suggested that a sheet be placed on the table for interested persons to sign up for subcommittee placement. James will create this sheet and have it at the table.

**Subcommittee reports**

*Transportation:* Doug and Mary met to discuss the Rideshare program. At this point, it does not seem that it is feasible in the near future. Alternative suggestions raised included a Facebook group or a Rideboard located in GSC.

*Student Involvement:* All issues/ideas were raised in the Earth Day discussion.

### **Other business**

Recyclemania came and went with Xavier registering a paltry 7.55%. The top school in California posted a 77% recycling rating. It was suggested that there be a “Need a recycling container? Sign up here” sheet for Earth Day. It was also proposed that there be a hand out containing the contact information for Rumpke recycling for students who don’t already have it at their off-campus homes.

Chris Barber resigned his position from the committee, and Dave Tobias—a staff member from Admissions—will be taking his place.

Molly Robertshaw from Peace & Justice programs invites all committee members to register for the first Xavier Community Garden program. Registration for teams is due April 15, 2009. No prior experience is necessary.

Dave also mentioned that Xavier has been approved in a Duke Energy pilot program to curtail electric usage. A certain dollar figure is paid forward for participating in the program that the committee could possibly use for our own initiatives. The program would start in the summer and run through October.

### **David Orr**

Dr. Orr from Oberlin, OH shared wonderful insights with the committee regarding how he was able to transform Oberlin College into a climate neutral campus with no initial participation from the college’s “normal” donor base. He also spoke about campus culture and how to best organize a campus-wide movement for sustainability.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
James Cave