

Meeting Minutes

Sustainability Committee

21 March 2011, 8-9:30

Physical Plant Large Conference Room (Alumni Building)

Attendance: : Dave Lococo, Kathleen Smythe, Cheryl McElroy, Dan Marschner, Izola White, Taylor Mauro, Laura Wallace, Daniel Francis, Emily TeKolste, George Farnsworth, Molly Robertshaw, Doug Olberding

- 1) Minute-taker—Laura Wallace and Emily TeKolste
- 2) Old Business
 - a) Minutes from January and February meeting – all good
 - b) Ecovillage survey – sent to Dick Polskamp before spring break and he made some comments. We revised it and sent it back. We haven't hear back yet. His biggest comment was that there were a lot of surveys going around right now.
 - c) DEHP—April 7, 8:30-11—any ideas?
 - We should do something interactive
 - We should have students present – Taylor will attend
 - d) metering
 - Mark met with Res Life and they gave him a lot of good suggestions for the lay out of the monitors
 - We are having difficulty with the touch screen units going into sleep mode. Mark is working with the IT department
 - Res Life is doing an “It's easy being green” themed competition
 - They are going to offer ice cream at a kick off so we need to come up with another prize
 - We would like to give \$5,000 to a charity of the winning dorm's choice
 - e) Berea trip
 - Wonderful experience
 - They have 2 things we don't: land and labor – how we do sustainability will be fundamentally different from how they do it.
- 3) Student update
 - a) Earth Month – chugging along
 - Monday – Veg Out
 - Tues – No Impact Man showing
 - Wed – Talent Fair
 - b) bike co-op
 - Perhaps will not happen until next fall – running into administrative and funding issues
 - c) intern – we are starting to recruit this week!
 - d) No Impact Week is this week
 - Program Coordinator
 - Given a position that includes teaching a course
 - Possibility: CTE with David Mengel model – tenured, given course reduction and administrative responsibilities
 - Problem: CTE and Mission and Identity have administrative staff in addition

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- Given a physical space for an office in Physical Plant
- Izola: benefits of “coordinator” rather than “director”: can task others with completing some tasks; an affiliation with faculty will facilitate support of faculty; it is a good thing to get more people involved
- Question: How do we frame this position? How do we find a person?
- Concern: getting everything done, consulting the right people, by August so as not to start this person off with a handicap
- Doug: temporary position
- Need representatives from faculty committee, biology, chemistry, and physics, at least
- How to get professors to fully respect and engage with the coordinator? – not tenure-track, possibly PhD
- Daniel: talk to Residence Life about an in-residence position so that housing is provided, potentially in the new hall
 - 2-3 year turnover, but intense work during that time b/c living and engaging with students
 - George supports this idea
 - Common model in several Jesuit schools – usually a graduate student
 - Daniel to do research to demonstrate that other schools do this successfully
 - Has to be vetted by Roger and Beth
 - Still need faculty committee representative because still teaching
 - Cost?
 - Does the physical space exist?
- Kathleen: Maybe we cannot do with these funds what we want, but we might be able to rework them to create co-coordinators – one on the academic side, one on the staff side
- Allocated: \$50,000-\$60,000 – includes benefits
- Can we get time with Scott Chadwick, incoming provost, while he’s on campus 2 times each month until he starts full-time – so he knows we exist
- Division Liaison Meetings
 - Written reports to Kathleen by April 11
 - Taylor, Ginny w/ Ali – in progress
 - Doug, Emily w/ Mark – next week; Emily and Doug meeting this week to prepare
 - Doug w/ John – next week
 - Laura w/ Cheryl
 - Seemed sort of important issue, but something that wasn’t connecting

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- Concerns: doesn't have a scanner, own double-sided printer, recycling bins; doesn't trust technology
- Going to try to improve
- Likes to see it working with diversity – religions of which it is an inherent part but don't name it sustainability
- Taylor, Dave w/ Shari – receptive
 - Office's initiative agenda is full, but they are taking some steps
 - Résumés going digital in the hiring process
 - Going to push personnel files to electronic
 - Web access to forms, policies, procedures
 - Not printing training materials
 - Concern: silos of sustainability across campus
 - Response: return to communication through website, Xavier Today
 - Would like ideas as to best practices for her department
- Kathleen: the more this is seen as an integral aspect of the way we do things rather than an initiative, the better
- Kathleen: don't play the resource game; we'll lose – point to what we are already doing that can move in a sustainable direction (like teaching)
- To point out to administrators: students are starting to select schools based on their sustainability initiatives
- Reminder: Greenhouse Gas survey due in May
- Adam Clark (student), working with Cincinnatians for Progress – can the committee endorse the streetcar
 - No objections
- SOCHE conference – April 13 in Dayton
 - Invited student is unable to go
 - Izola will attend
- Sustainability Day speakers
 - Focus on local environments: Larry Falkin, Stan Hedeem, Cincinnati mayor
 - Liz: Brewster Rhodes, looking to create an umbrella organization for southwest Ohio, regional agenda
 - March 25, speaker from Pittsburgh that created a similar organization
 - Emily: Stan Hedeem gave an inspiring ecological tour of Cincinnati
 - Possible to have both? Hedeem to set the stage for why it's important (virtual or real tour – or both) and speaker from Pittsburgh to talk about other efforts