05/27/04 - sustainability group meeting minutes

Thursday, May 27, 2004 4:00 - 8:00 pm Building 19, Room 214

Participants:

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Facilitator:

Joshua Skov, Good Company

Minutes:

1. Introductions

Hayward introduced the facilitator, Joshua Skov, noting that Skov is a college and university sustainability expert who has helped colleges around the country to develop, assess, and improve their sustainability programs. Attendees introduced themselves.

2. Sustainability 101: a brief introduction & an activity (life-cycle exercise)

Skov presented a brief introduction to sustainability. Overheads from the presentation are attached. Skov then facilitated an activity in which participants reviewed life-cycle impacts of paper and automobiles. Life-cycle stages to consider were Raw Materials Extraction & Processing, Packaging, Distribution, Delivery & Purchase, Manufacturing, Use & Maintenance, and Disposal/Reuse/Recycling. Impacts to consider were Economic, Environmental, and Social. The matrix used during this activity is attached.

3. Other Committees Experiences

Skov presented tips for sustainability committees based on other committees experiences. The recommendations included the following.

• It is important to balance time spent in assessment, goal setting, and taking action.

- Scope should be manageable, but broad enough to have a wide impact and interest a variety of stakeholders.
- Ensure that the appropriate stakeholders are involved, including decision makers.

4. Form of the Committee

Participants compiled a comprehensive list regarding the form that Lane's Sustainability Committee should take and roles of the Committee. The list is attached.

5. Goals and indicators

Participants broke out into groups and discussed long-term sustainability goals for the college. Participants then created one list of long-term goals that included becoming a net energy producer, eliminating the need for parking lots, becoming climate neutral. The list of long-term goals generated by the Committee is attached.

Participants briefly discussed some indicators for the long-term goals. Participants listed the following possible indicators for Climate Neutrality.

- Make-up of motorpool
- Impacts of motorpool
 - Measure impacts of motorpool vehicles
- Net energy balance
- Number of cars coming onto campus
- LTD ridership #s
- Non CO2 Greenhouse gases
- Embodied climate impacts of purchases

6. Other Business

Matsen will compose a Daily Announcement that will notify the campus about this workshop and to encourage participation by anyone who is interested.

Attachments (4):
Overheads from Sustainability 101
Life-cycle exercise matrix
Form of Lane's Sustainability Committee
Long-Term Goals

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