

**Minutes**  
**Sustainability Group**  
**Wednesday, February 8, 2006 • 3:00 – 4:30 pm • Building 16, Room 211**

**Attendees:**

Joann Brosnan, Student  
Kate Gessert, English as a Second Language  
Jennifer Hayward, College Operations  
Brian Kelly, Foodservices  
Steve Mital, University of Oregon  
Joseph Newton, Science  
Amanda Poston, Conference and Culinary Services  
Mike Sims, College Operations – Recycling  
Margaret Robertson, Advanced Technology  
Joe Russin, Science  
Rick Venturi, Specialized Employment Services

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**1. Introductions**

Participants introduced themselves. Hayward introduced Steve Mital as a special guest from the University of Oregon. Mital has been working as a one-quarter time Sustainability Coordinator at the UO for approximately two years.

**2. Share Information with the UO on Sustainability Programs**

Mital explained that his duties include increasing the visibility of sustainability on and off campus, working with student groups to channel their energy, and to help find funding for sustainability initiatives. Sustainability group members provided Mital with a basic overview of group activities. It was noted that there may be a project on which UO and Lane may want to work together in the future.

**3. Discuss Draft Sustainability Policies**

Attendees discussed the January 30, 2006 draft of the Sustainability Policies. Members suggested several changes. Hayward will incorporate these changes into the next draft. (Revised policies per the discussion during this meeting are attached.) This draft will be reviewed by Vice President for College Operations, Marie Matsen, and then forwarded to the Facilities Council. It will next be sent to the College Council.

**4. Discuss Draft Core Values**

Attendees discussed the draft core values and made the following suggested edits:

- Operate in all areas of the college with practices that support and improve the health of the systems that sustain life and learning.
- Support a learning environment that fosters diversity, interdisciplinary breadth, ecological awareness, **sustainability**, and the competence to act on such knowledge.
- Equip and encourage all students and staff to participate fully as citizens of an economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable society (**community?**)
- Cultivate connections to local, regional, ~~and~~ state communities, **and the natural world** of which the college and its individual members are a part.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 8 from 3:00 to 4:30 pm in Building 16, Room 211.

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### **Action Items**

#### **Laundry Environmental Audit**

- Venturi to audit environmental practices in the Laundry to determine whether improved environmental practices could be implemented. The investigation will include: chemical use; water volumes; temperatures; and heat recovery (Ebbage noted that an Energy Management class could help the laundry investigate heat recovery strategies).
- Hayward to ask the Green Chemistry Club coordinator, John Thompson, whether the Club's students would be interested in researching Laundry chemical use as a project.

#### **“Green bag” lunches**

- Hayward to determine whether architect, Galen Ohmart is available to do a presentation on Lane's proposed Model Sustainability Building as a green bag lunch.
- Scott to work on planning an energy conservation &/or renewable energy for homeowners green bag. She will contact the Energy Outlet to determine whether there are some give-aways that they could donate.
- Scott to contact Jill Bradley to discuss format and timing for a green bag lunch in the Women's Center about women in sustainability fields and/or about Lane's sustainability program.

#### **Foundation account**

- Matsen to provide suggested talking points for group members to use when promoting the sustainability account.

#### **Indicator Reports**

- Hayward to include costs of water in the water indicator report.
- Hayward, Newton, and Gosar to schedule a meeting to work on the Landscape Maintenance indicator.
- Kelly to talk to Bookstore Manager, Shelley Dutton, about whether she can package class packets in more easily recyclable paper, rather than plastic.
- Hayward to format indicator report drafts into a pdf document and e-mail to the group prior to the next meeting.

#### **Biodiesel Project**

- Hayward to schedule a public demonstration of the Biodiesel Project once the processor is operational.

#### **Spring Conference**

- Hayward to e-mail the group asking if they would like to participate in planning the Spring Conference.
- Hayward to e-mail the group the product of the brainstorming session on developing the principals of sustainability from which the core values are being drafted.
- Hayward to bring the sustainability group comments on the draft schedule to the Spring Conference Planning Committee.

#### **Long-Range Transportation Planning**

- Hayward to ask if Newton can be put on the e-mail list.
- Hayward to send the group the compilation of campus feedback that she has received to date.

**Earth Week 2006**

- Hayward to recruit members of OSPIRG and ASLCC to help with planning.
- Hayward to schedule a meeting for early winter term to begin planning.
- Hayward to schedule a meeting with OSPIRG and ASLCC students as soon as she gets some names from Hediger.

**General**

- Hayward to prepare a document that lists each sustainability group and its purpose/mission.
- The sustainability group to review/approve this document.
- Once it is finalized, Hayward to post it on the website.