

Sustainability and Learning Meeting-Minutes 10-11-06

Announcements;

- ◆ Susie will create a tasklist on excel that allows us to keep track of our progress on our goals. The hope is that it will allow us to be interactive in input into the document across campus. If she can't do this, she will get info by e-mail from others to enter data before each meeting.
- ◆ Tammie shared that science is trying to create a theme based curriculum designed around sustainability concepts and wants to work with the sustainability and learning committee around this.
- ◆ Jennifer shared her enthusiasm about the AASHE sponsored conference in Arizona that Sonya and her attended. Info. included;
 - 2 year degree program was developed in sustainability-good model for us to get info. for our own efforts here at Lane
 - There was a push to develop eco-literacy requirements at colleges, Sonya was in support of this for Lane. More to come on this subject in the future
 - There is encouragement and a push for higher education institutions to create a forum that holds the 2008 presidential, congressional and senatorial candidates accountable to specifically outline what they are planning to do to address the issue of Global Warming if they become elected.

Main Topic addressed;

- ◆ **Curriculum Development-what is our plan?**
 - We will **survey faculty** through use of the weekly to see how many people have plans or would be interested in integrating sustainability into their curriculum. This will help address the need for a clear system to provide curriculum development funds if we are awarded this in the near future. Note; if we don't get results from weekly, we will send an e-mail to all faculty. This information will be used to apply for more curriculum development funds earmarked for sustainability and curriculum projects.
 - **Develop a simple assessment** of the classes that we funded last term and future classes we may fund so that we have data on the success of this curriculum.
 - **Mission Statement**-we need to have a committee mission statement to provide for when we are applying for funds.
 - Susie will send out a statement for the group to manipulate into the mission statement that we will adopt.
- ◆ Core Value;
 - Susie and Ellen will be discussing this at the Diversity Committee on Wednesday the 18th
 - We reworded the core value statement due to feedback from this committee last time it was discussed. Our latest version as of this writing (on Monday the 16th) is; see page 2

Draft Proposed Sustainability Core Value

- ◆ Integrate practices that support and improve the health of systems that sustain life.

- ◆ Provide an interdisciplinary learning environment that builds understanding of sustainable ecological, social, and economic systems, environmental justice, and the competence to act on such knowledge.

- ◆ Equip and encourage all students and staff to participate actively as citizens of an environmentally, socially, and economically just and sustainable society while cultivating connections to local, regional, and global communities.