

Minutes
Sustainability Group
Thursday, April 24, 2008 • 2:30 – 4:00 pm • Building 5, Room 206

Attendees:

Geo Bitgood, Student
Amanda Eriksen, Conference and Culinary Services
Kyle Hammon, Distance Learning
Jennifer Hayward, Sustainability Office
Brian Kelly, Conference and Culinary Services
Michael Levick, IT
Margaret Robertson, Advanced Technology
Mike Sims, Sustainability Office
Jennifer Steele, College Operations
Gloria Vanderhorst, Budget Office
Dave Willis, Facilities Management and Planning

Minutes:

1. Introductions

Participants introduced themselves.

2. Reports

Announcements: Michael announced that the sustainability group has an opportunity to have a video made promoting the group that will be shown at the Spring Conference. Several members volunteered to work with the video crew from 11-12 on Tuesday, April 29.

ACTION: Jennifer will contact Jennifer Cook to confirm the location at which the group volunteers should meet the video crew.

ACTION: Jennifer will e-mail the rest of the sustainability group asking for more volunteers.

Kyle announced that the college received a grant for a sustainability “pathway” from high school to college. In the first stage of the grant, Lane will be offering its Intro to Sustainability class as a College Now class at Kennedy High School in Cottage Grove.

Jennifer Steele announced that Lane’s marketing department is currently working with sustainability at Lane to create a name, tagline, and logo.

Recycling: Mike reported that Recyclemania has just ended with Lane in 4th out of 95. This was Lane’s first year participating in this 10 week competition. Mike also noted that he is currently working on documents supporting a Recycling Center to be included in the Bond programming. The sustainability group discussed the possibilities of reducing the use of disposables in the cafeteria and composting more.

National Conference on Sustainability for Community Colleges: Jennifer reported that there were approximately 130 people at the conference and the feedback from attendees was generally very positive. The college will be selling copies of the DVDs of the keynote speakers for \$15 ea. or \$20 for both. Information on how to purchase a DVD will be up on the conference website within the next couple of days. Dave suggested preparing a report about key sustainability take-aways from the conference.

ACTION: Jennifer will investigate showing the DVDs on Lane TV and the Oregon Public Affairs Network.

ACTION: Jennifer will contact Cathy Reschke about the possibility of closed captioning the keynote speaker DVDs.

Update on Management Structure Workgroup and Sustainability: Jennifer Steele thanked sustainability group members for submitting comments to the Management Structure Workgroup (MSW) about the importance of including sustainability at a high level in the Management Structure. Jen reported that sustainability was included in one of the four MSW recommendations, but it was not included in the recommendation that President Spilde forwarded to the Board.

3. Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS)

Jennifer reported that the sub-groups finished a rough draft of STARS. A new version of STARS has been put out by the Association for Sustainability in Higher Education.

ACTION: Jennifer will use the sub-group drafts of STARS to fill out the new version, version 0.5, of STARS and report to the committee on the college's standing.

4. American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment (ACUPCC)

Jennifer reported that she e-mailed the sustainability group the revised draft of the policy "Sustainability: Energy Conservation" that includes a new statement that the college will purchase Energy Star products whenever such products exist.

ACTION: Sustainability group members to provide Jennifer with any final comments on the revised "Sustainability: Energy Conservation" policy

ACTION: Once sustainability group member have had a few days to provide comments on the revised "Sustainability: Energy Conservation" policy, Jennifer will forward the revised policy to the Facilities Council for review and approval.

Members briefly discussed strategies for presenting the policy to the Facilities Council. Dave asked if there is a state purchasing agreement for energy star that Lane can use as a model.

ACTION: Brian will send Energy Star Economist article to the sustainability group.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 22 from 2:30 to 4:00 pm in Building 5, Room 206.

Members agreed that agenda items for the next meeting should include finalizing the sustainability group charter and determining future group priorities

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