

Minutes
Sustainability Group
Thursday, March 12, 2009 • 2:00 – 3:30 pm • Building 16, Room 211

Attendees:

Susie Cousar, Health & PE
Amanda Eriksen, Conference & Culinary Services
Jennifer Hayward, Sustainability Office
Brian Kelly, Conference & Culinary Services
Katherine Vos, Facilities Management & Planning

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1. Updates/Announcements

Greening Events: Amanda reported that she is adding a “Green Event Planning Tool” to the CML webpage. The webpage will encourage clients to use double-sided copying, electronic notes, and recycled content paper. Amanda noted that CML has also put a clause in their contract stating that groups that leave materials behind will be charged a recycling/disposal fee. This will encourage groups not to print out more copies than they need.

ACTION: Amanda will forward Jennifer the link once it is up and Jennifer will distribute it to the sustainability group.

Sustainability-Infused Text Books: Susie announced that she is doing research on sustainability-infused text books from a variety of different disciplines. She is planning to put together a list of recommended for text books that do a good job on sustainability that Lane faculty can use.

EWEB Greenpower Grant: Jennifer announced that the Sustainability Office applied for a \$100,000 grant from EWEB that will be put together with Bond money to fund about 75 kW of solar covered parking tied to about 36 electric vehicle charging stations. Lane’s proposal was chosen as one of five finalists. The winning proposal will be decided by a vote of EWEB’s Greenpower customers. Susie noted that she will be sending an e-mail to all faculty soon in which she could include a note at the bottom of the e-mail encouraging people to vote for Lane’s project.

ACTION: Jennifer will send a sentence about Lane’s EWEB Greenpower grant proposal to Susie that she can paste into an e-mail that she is sending to all faculty. The sentence will encourage people who are EWEB Greenpower customers to vote for Lane’s grant.

Recycled-Content Paper for Aspire Magazine: Jennifer reported that Lane’s Purchasing Coordinator alerted her that it is looking like bid documents for the printing of Aspire magazine will be specifying a paper that doesn’t come with recycled content. The Group recommended that Aspire magazine be printed with recycled-content paper.

ACTION: Jennifer will contact Lane’s marketing department regarding recycled-content in Aspire magazine.

Bathroom Hand Dryers: Katherine reported that the college is planning to replace bathroom paper towel dispensers with electric hand dryers. She noted that this change will reduce workload for housekeepers and save approximately \$22,000 per year in paper towel costs and approximately \$8000 per year in garbage costs. FMP has piloted hand dryers in its bathrooms. The pilot model is too loud. FMP will be looking for quieter products.

Public Safety Bicycle: Katherine said that Public Safety is purchasing a bicycle for inner-campus transportation. This mode of transportation will save money on fuel and help the college cut down on carbon emissions.

2. Review/Discussion of Sustainability Retreat Proposal

Jennifer explained that Sonya Christian suggested having a planning retreat for sustainability this spring. It could include just the Sustainability and Learning Committee or it could be a joint retreat with this group. Attendees were interested in participating in such a retreat and discussed recommendations on the format. The sustainability group made two recommendations regarding the retreat:

- Invite all campus to attend
- Use a professional (outside) facilitator

3. Brainstorming Grant List

Participants discussed potential sustainability projects for which Lane could apply for grants when the opportunities arise. Following is a list of the group's ideas:

- Curriculum development for sustainability infusion project
- Learning garden
 - Coordinator
 - Expansion
 - Farm to table initiative
- Create learning garden for kids in child care
- Institute for Sustainable Practices
 - Prepare office space
 - Build library
 - Set up research area for students with computers
 - Demonstrations
- Recycling Education Center
 - Educational and operational equipment
- Excess property organization/database/online shop
- Marketing
- Commissioning
- Green demonstration learning projects
 - Learning gardens
 - Green roofs
 - Rainwater harvesting
- Sustainability walking tours
- Educational plaques on sustainability features around campus
 - Solar powered emergency phones
 - Food service initiatives
 - Informational signs on forest trails about native foliage, etc.
- Greening advanced tech – training for technical programs to green processes and curricula
- Dual flush toilets
- Subsidize cost of electric vehicles for students (similar to a program in San Francisco)
- Reusable coffee mugs to give to all new incoming students (American made, recycled content stainless steel)

4. Green Purchasing

Attendees worked on drafting a green purchasing procedure by adding to the list that was created at the last meeting. The full list is now:

- Paper reduction (networked/duplexing printer/copier)
- Recycled toner cartridges
- Durable products (buying used and using surplus property and ROSE room)
- Auto subs (Office Max).
- Buy local/factor footprint/lifecycle costs (explain/link)
 - Use CML catering rather than off-site
- Replacing disposables with reusables & recyclables
- Refurbish and repair
- Encourage suppliers to offer environmentally preferable products and reduced or no packaging

Brian noted that we need to make the green choice the easiest choice.

ACTION: Jennifer will format the procedure list for committee review at the next meeting.

5. Next Meeting – Thursday, April 16, 2009, 2:00-3:30 pm. **This meeting is changed from its regularly scheduled date of 4/2 because of the Deferred Maintenance hiring schedule**

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