

Minutes
Sustainability Committee
Thursday, April 16, 2009 • 2:00 – 3:30 pm • Building 16, Room 211

Attendees:

Amanda Eriksen, Conference & Culinary Services
Jennifer Hayward, Sustainability Office
Pamela McGilvray, Disability Resources
Mike Sims, Sustainability Office
Gloria Vanderhorst, Budget Office

Minutes:

1. Updates/Announcements

Institute for Sustainable Practices: Jennifer briefly reviewed that the Institute for Sustainable Practices is the umbrella organization for sustainability at Lane. There is a new logo for the Institute, which the sustainability group helped to develop. Jennifer e-mailed the logo to the group recently. Jennifer is currently working on revamping the sustainability website to make it the Institute for Sustainable Practices website. She asked the group members for input on how to organize the site. The group recommended getting webmaster, Lori Brenden's input.

ACTIONS: Jennifer will work on the revised webpage with Lori and will present a draft to this committee for review.

Earth Day Activities: Jennifer described the Earth Day event that she worked with the Learning Garden Club to set up. It will include garden tours, a compost presentation, activities for the kids in Child Care, cake, live music, and gardening. Group members took flyers to post in their work areas.

Green Movie Screening: Jennifer reported that she has been working with a student volunteer to stage a green film screening event in May. The proposed film is *Taking Root*. *Taking Root* tells the dramatic story of Kenyan Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Wangari Maathai whose simple act of planting trees grew into a nationwide movement to safeguard the environment, protect human rights, and defend democracy. The group recommended the CML auditorium for the screening. Jennifer will provide more information to the group on this event as it becomes available.

Recycling: Mike reported that new recycling bins will be replacing the old metal barrels and garbage can-type bins over the next several weeks. Lane participated in Recyclemania again this year. Final results will be available soon, but so far Lane has been at about 10th place throughout the 10 week competition. Mike also reported that he is investigating getting a bike with a trailer for hauling recyclables.

Energy: Jennifer noted that many of the deferred maintenance projects for which Lane received State economic stimulus funds have significant energy saving components including the new roofs on Buildings 4 and 5, LED exterior lighting, and solar thermal laundry upgrades.

ACUPCC: Jennifer said that Peer-to-Peer reviewed and approved the proposed change to the energy conservation policy during their meeting on 4/13/09. Jennifer will next get this on the College Council agenda. The next step in complying with the President's Climate Commitment will be preparing the plan for becoming carbon neutral.

2. Sustainability Presentations at Department Meetings

Jennifer noted that she, Mike, and Anna have a ~20 minute presentation with some simple tips for improving sustainability at the department level. The presentation comes with free stuff like recycling bins and timers to turn off printers. Jennifer noted that they have given the presentation to Counseling, Testing, and Trio and are working on schedule one with Disability Resources. Participants suggested approaching:

- College Finance
- CML
- HR
- 2nd Floor Building 3

One member also suggested having a table or some sort of presence at a parent night at the Child Care Centers.

3. Green Purchasing

Attendees reviewed and commented on the draft Green Purchasing procedure. Jennifer will update and finalize the draft. The committee agreed that the next step will be having key purchasers review the document and provide input into how to make it more user-friendly.

4. Review Charter and List of Future Projects at the Bottom of the Agenda to Determine Future Committee Work

Time ran out and this item was moved to the next meeting.

5. Other business

Transportation/Parking: Jennifer explained that deferred maintenance and bond staging along with new deferred maintenance employees are occupying up to 200 parking spaces. She reported that FMP is currently working on plans to help ensure that there is enough parking during those first few days of each term when the lots fill up. The two current ideas are:

- 1) Re-stripe lots to make smaller parking spaces; and
- 2) Pave fields.

The Sustainability Committee agreed to make the following recommendation to the college regarding transportation: “Because daily commuting is the college’s largest source of greenhouse gas emissions, the Sustainability Committee urges the college to take steps to curb single-passenger commuting to the college prior to installing more permanent parking. Such steps may include:

- Enhancing public transportation
- Enhancing bike access
- Ensuring that temporary parking lots that are installed to make up for those lost during the deferred maintenance project are truly temporary.”

6. Next Meeting – Thursday, May 7, 2009, 2:00-3:30 pm.

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