

Minutes
Sustainability Committee
Thursday, May 7, 2009 • 2:00 – 3:30 pm • Building 16, Room 211

Attendees:

Jennifer Hayward, Sustainability Office
Brian Kelly, Conference and Culinary Services
Pamela McGilvray, Disability Resources
Mike Sims, Sustainability Office
Gloria Vanderhorst, Budget Office

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1. Updates/Announcements

Institute for Sustainable Practices: Jennifer reported that she met with Lori Brenden regarding the reworking the website navigation and changing the “Sustainability” website to the “Institute for Sustainable Practices” website. Attendees made minor comments, but in general, liked the new proposed navigation. Jennifer will continue to work with Lori on the new website.

Earth Day Activities: Jennifer described the Earth Day event that she worked with the Learning Garden Club to set up. It included garden tours, a compost seminar, activities for the kids in Child Care, cake, live music, and gardening. There was a great turn out, including 50+ employees, students and community members along with 70+ kids from child care, and it was a really fun day.

Global Action Movie Day: Jennifer distributed a flyer for the global action movie day. This is an event that she planned with a student. The student is working on the event as a service learning project for her Global Health class. Committee members will post flyers in their areas. Pamela noted that flyers should include a statement about accommodations for people with disabilities.

ACTION: Jennifer will obtain the correct phrase from Cathie Reschke in Disability Resources and will add it to future posters.

Rainwater Harvesting Fair: Jennifer reported that students in water conservation and the Intro to Sustainability classes have organized a Rainwater Harvesting Fair that will take place in the cafeteria on Friday, May 22. It will include vendor tables and a presentation. Jennifer distributed flyers for this event and asked attendees to help advertise.

Deferred Maintenance Project: Mike noted that that he has trained the new deferred maintenance staff on recycling, but that if people notice things being thrown away that probably should not be thrown away to let him know.

Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management Accreditation: Brian reported that the Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management Programs were recently accredited. The accreditation auditor was very impressed with sustainability elements in these programs. Brian noted that the auditor said that she has audited 200 different culinary programs and that Lane’s is among the top three for sustainability. Sustainability elements include composting, coordination with the learning garden, and curriculum infusion.

2. Planning/future projects

Attendees discussed the following future committee projects:

- Including sustainability in new student and employee orientation materials
- Coordinating with high school connections
- Green office competition (elements could include electronic copies, duplexing, saving paper, recognizing improvements)
- Helping to promote and implement a green printing project

The committee will work on outlining the elements of a green office and planning for a green office competition at the next meeting.

3. Next Meeting – Thursday, June 4, 2009, 2:00-3:30 pm.

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