

Minutes
Sustainability Committee Meeting
Monday, December 5, 2011, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Marv Clemons, Susie Cousar, Jennifer Hayward, Brian Kelly, Rosie Kirwin, Jim Lindley, Roxanne McCully, Mike O'Neal, Claudia Owen, Art Peck, Russ Pierson, Margaret Robertson, Clive Wanstall, Sarah Whitney

Minutes:

1. Welcome and Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves.

2. Updates and Announcements

- a. *Green Course Inventory:* Jennifer reported that the state department for Community Colleges and Workforce Development compiled data on green courses and programs at community colleges in Oregon and on the number of students who take these courses. The project was funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor. Lane's data was compiled by Craig Taylor. Craig sent an e-mail to Division Deans asking them to let him know which courses in their departments contain at least 10 hours of green content. Lane had 273 identified "green" courses in 2010-11 including classes in science, culinary, health, advanced technology, social sciences, energy management, renewable energy, resource conservation, and water conservation.

ACTION: Jennifer will distribute the spreadsheet with Lane's courses and the statewide report to the committee.

- b. *10/14/11 Conference Follow Up:* Jennifer reported that she sent an e-mail to everyone who listed a "What I want to do" item at the conference asking them for an update on progress and to let her know if they need any help. Several people have replied with updates.

ACTION: Jennifer will compile the updates and report them at the next meeting.

- c. *Zimride:* Brian showed the committee the administrative side of the Zimride website. On this site, we can view the number of people who have posted rides, greenhouse gas emissions reductions, and more. Lane currently has 935 users with an average of 37 matches per post. 37 matches per post is a very high match rate. Most Zimride accounts have closer to 15 matches per post. Zimride estimates that their service has helped Lane save at least 39,398 lbs of CO₂ over fall term.

Brian would like to see the number of users increase to 1000 over winter term. Claudia noted that she put an announcement in the Science division newsletter recommending that faculty put a statement at the bottom of their syllabi promoting Zimride.

ACTION: Jennifer will send Claudia's announcement to the committee so that they can include it in their division communications. Jennifer will also submit a Lane Weekly announcement about Zimride.

Attendees noted that we should try to get ASLCC more involved in actively promoting Zimride.

- d. *Banning Bottled Water:* Rosie announced that she contacted ASLCC for an update on their progress on banning bottled water. ASLCC let her know that they have:
 - Had several bottled water filling stations installed around campus.

- Purchased a large quantity of reusable water bottles. They will be giving some away and then will be selling them for \$1.50 at the snack shack in Building 1.

The Committee discussed what more it will take before the college can officially ban sales of water in disposable bottles. Brian noted that a barrier is that there are not enough bottled water filling stations. Members suggested that we need a map of filling stations. Members expressed interest in taking this on as a project.

ACTION: Rosie will ask ASLCC if they could fund installation of more filling stations.

- e. *Reusable Food Containers:* Mike reported that Foodservices is looking into purchasing reusable food containers to sell to customers. The containers are made of a hard plastic but look like typical paper or Styrofoam disposable to-go containers. Foodservices would set up a system where they sell the containers to customers for a minimal fee (~\$5). Customers would take out their food in the container. The customer could then keep the container or they could turn in their dirty container for a clean container that they can use next time they purchase a meal at Lane. This program will provide jobs for SSS clients and reduce waste. Mike requested input on what information, logo, or graphic should go on the lids of the containers. Mike suggested that maybe Lane's sustainability logo could be used with the tagline, "Sustain Lane." Members recommended that we purchase a BPA free container.

[NOTE: Committee members who are not familiar with the concerns about BPA in consumer products may want to check out this website: <http://www.niehs.nih.gov/news/sya/sya-bpa/#a10613>.

- f. *New Recycling Stations in Cafeteria:* Mike noted that new recycling stations in the cafeteria will have wall area behind them on which he is hoping to post educational information about how to recycle at the stations and also some general sustainability information like the amount of water saved by recycling. Claudia noted that the committee began discussing sustainability signage at the last meeting and we will continue working on the signage at future meetings.

3. Sustainability Action Plan

Jennifer presented information about some of the most visionary and inspiring sustainability plans for a city, a corporation, and a college. The committee discussed next steps in the development of Lane's plan. The committee recommended having a 2-3 hour facilitated visioning session during winter term on a Monday afternoon in which all of the campus community is invited. Week 5 was suggested as a good time during the term. Committee members noted that it would be helpful to have a longer presentation about other colleges' sustainability plans.

ACTION: Jennifer will send the committee a doodle link with some dates and times.

ACTION: Jennifer will provide the committee with the link to look up other plans on the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) website.

The committee discussed potential facilitators including: Jennifer Hayward, Margaret Robertson, Susie Cousar, Roger Ebbage, Laurie Swanson-Gribskov, Brian Kelly, BRING Recycling (Julie Daniel or Carolyn Stein), and The Good Company.

ACTION: Jim will look into other potential facilitators in the community.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 9, 2012, 2:30-3:30 pm, Building 4, Room 105