

Sustainability Committee
Monday, January 9, 2012
2:30-3:30 pm
Building 4, Room 105

Minutes

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Present: Susie Cousar, Brian Kelly, Rosie Kirwin, Lori Lilliefors, Jim Lindly, Claudia Owen, Russ Pierson, Nancy Schwoerer, Wendy Simmons, Rosie Sweetman
- Updates and Announcements
 - Lane Diversity Conference – January 20 – Sustainability Committee wants to support this event. We hope everyone will attend. <http://www.lanecc.edu/studentsuccess/Conferences/Diversity/>
 - Local Food Connection – February 6. This is the 6th annual event held at the Center for Meeting and Learning. The Local Food Connection creates business opportunities for farmers, fishers and food buyers. It has generated \$675,000 going to benefit the local economy.
 - National Community College Sustainability Conference – March 11-13 hosted by Johnson County Community College, <http://blogs.jccc.edu/sustainability/events/cc-v2/>
 - 10/14/11 Conference Follow Up – Jennifer sent a file that provides an update on where people are at with the things they listed that they want to do. Please look it over.
 - Question: How can we recognize people's efforts? Give a monthly Sustainability award to anyone at LCC, including faculty, staff, students, who we feel should be recognized for their sustainability contributions and accomplishments. Post people's efforts and accomplishments on the Sustainability Website and on Lane's home page as a form of recognition, published in the Lane weekly.
 - Question: How can we support people's efforts? Look through the list and see if anyone is doing something you would like to help with and offer to help.
 - Question: Are there particular items on the list that the committee sees as priorities? Think about this and let's make sure they show up in the Sustainability Action Plan.
 - Other Announcements:
 - Rosie Kirwin announced that she had contacted Mary Weatherhead at ASLCC regarding their ban the bottle program at the Snack Shack. Mary may be able to help us determine how many bottles have been saved and what the financial impact has been for the Snack Shack.
 - Susie Cousar mentioned that peace is an important part of sustainability. The Sustainability Committee should be working closely with the Peace Center. Other members of the committee agreed. The Peace Center is working on the "Move to Amend" which is working toward amending the US constitution to state that corporations are not people and money is not speech. More information about this movement is available at MoveToAmend.org. On Jan. 20, Move to Amend is promoting a Nationwide Day of Action ("Occupy the Courts") to honor the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision that money is speech. For more information, see <http://movetoamend.org/or-eugene>.
 - Susie Cousar is planning a sabbatical to the northeast to study how climate change has effected people there and what kinds of adaptation planning they have done. The purpose is to get ideas for how we should plan to adapt to climate change, which is coming but has not yet been as severe here as in the NE. Susie is requesting suggestions for questions she should be asking as she interviews people in the NE.
- Banning Bottled Water
 - Develop an action plan & timeline for making this happen: First step in the action plan is to have a table at the Health and Wellness Fair – see next item. Goal: Take back the tap by Earth Day this year. Earth day is Sunday, April 22. We will work toward completion by Friday, April 20, when we plan to celebrate Earth Day on campus.
 - Action plan ideas:
 - Don't just remove bottled water from campus because people are likely to substitute the next most similar thing, like vitamin water.

- Call it taking back the tap, not just banning bottled water
- Jennifer has a list of water filling stations
- Sell quality reusable bottles at a modest price where water bottles were sold. Provide information about close filling stations there.
- Education for everyone about bottled water.
- Provide information about how clean our tap water is.
- Need a thoughtful plan; let's learn from other people's mistakes.
- Health & Wellness Fair "Take Back the Tap" Theme for sustainability table?
 - Tabling volunteer sign up. Seven people signed up to people the table. We are hoping for at least 2 people for each half hour during the Fair. The only times left without 2 people are: 12-1:00. More are welcome.
 - People signed up as follows:

Time	Volunteer 1	Volunteer 2	Volunteer 3
10:30-11	Lori Lilliefors	Jennifer Hayward	
11-11:30	Lori Lilliefors	Claudia Owen	
11:30-12	Jennifer Hayward	Claudia Owen	
12-12:30	Jim Lindly		
12:30-1	Rosie Kirwin		
1-1:30	Nancy Schwoerer	Rosie Kirwin	
1:30-2	Nancy Schwoerer	Rosie Kirwin	
2-2:30	Brian Kelly	Rosie Kirwin	
2:30-3	Brian Kelly	Rosie Kirwin	Claudia Owen
3-3:30	Susie Cousar		Claudia Owen

- Reusable to-go containers in the cafeteria
 - Assign sub-committee to develop graphic, logo and/or information to be printed on lid— Rosie Kirwin volunteered to help with the label. Things to include: Sustainability Institute logo; information about how the system works and how to turn the containers back in; information about container quality and potential reduction in waste production.
- Sustainability Action Plan
 - Update on date selection and facilitator research
 - —Dates chosen:
 - 1st choice: Friday, Feb. 24 at 12:30-3:30.
 - 2nd choice: Friday, Feb. 24 at 2-5
 - 3rd choice: Monday, Feb. 13 at 2:30-5:30** [NOTE: This date/time was selected because this was the time our facilitator is available].
 - 4th choice: Monday, Feb. 13 at 3-6
 - Big picture vision: What should we make sure and include in the plan
 - include items already discussed in previous meetings and at the Sustainability Conference in October. Compile a list of these things
 - economic and social issues
 - common ground among different groups. We have a lot of overlap on campus
 - better coordination and communication among groups
 - core community partners: cities: Eugene, Springfield, Florence, Cottage Grove. Make more connections
 - put to the state level. If we are leaders in sustainability then we should push for things to be done at the state level
 - develop ways to sign up to help with things that people are planning to do or already doing.
 - have sustainability events, actions, meetings etc. more organized and easier to find
 - Susie Cousar reminded us that she had task lists in previous years where the committee could see what was being planned and what had been accomplished