

Sustainability Committee
Monday, January 23, 2012
2:30-3:30 pm
Building 4, Room 105

Minutes

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Present: Brian Kelly, Pamela McGilvray, Jennifer Hayward, Jyoti Naik, Michael O’Neal, Claudia Owen, Russ Pierson, Nancy Schwoerer, Wendy Simmons, Rosie Sweetman, John Thompson, Dave Willis
- Updates and Announcements
 - Sustainability Website – Jennifer showed the committee the updates to the sustainability website. The calendar, news, conferences, climate action plan and sustainability group sections are up to date. The sustainability group section includes all minutes from past meetings. Jennifer will begin posting agendas on this page too.
 - Reusable to-go containers in the cafeteria subcommittee report – Michael reported that the reusable to-go containers that he is looking into purchasing are BPA-free, dishwasher safe, and durable. The goal is to have this option go live by earth day. The plan is to sell containers for a small mark up above cost (~\$5). The way the system works is that a person buys a container, gets their food in their container, they then return the container to have it washed, and get a token that they will exchange for a clean container next time they come to the cafeteria. SSS will be staffing the return station. The 6”x6” container will have a marketing message on the top of it. Michael and Rosie K have been working on the graphic and will have something to present to the committee at a future meeting.
 - Peace Conference – The Peace Conference will be Friday, April 20 and Saturday, April 21. The theme is “People Powered Democracy Confronts Corporate Rule.” More information to come.
 - Sustainability Plan Visioning Session – Date and Facilitator – The Sustainability Plan Vision Session will be Monday, February 13 from 2:30 to 5:30 pm in CML 220. A local facilitator, Tree Bressen, will be working with us.
 - Other Announcements:
 - Learning Garden – Rosie announced that the Learning Garden will have two events on 1/25/12. From 11 am to 1 pm, there will be garlic tasting in the cafeteria and from 2 – 4 pm, there will be a mixer in the garden.
 - Campus Architect – Russ introduced Jyoti Naik, Lane’s new architect. Jyoti is a LEED Accredited Professional and we are excited to have her contributing to Lane’s sustainability efforts.
 - Waste Treatment Plant – Dave announced that FMP is beginning to use a more eco-friendly chemical and biological treatment in the waste water plant. FMP is also researching a more eco-friendly treatment to reduce the duck weed and algae in the ponds.
 - Electric Hand Dryers – Dave reported that FMP is purchasing at least 5 more energy efficient electric hand dryers. These new dryers will be quieter than the other dryers on

campus and will be installed in places in which the noise from the dryers has been an irritation.

- Signage in Cafeteria – Michael announced that he, Rosie K, and Jennifer are working on a large poster to put on the walls behind the new, large recycling stations in the cafeteria. He distributed a draft poster with a graphic of a fork and an earth. The Committee approved the graphic and using the phrase “Planet Lane” on the poster. A more final draft will be presented at the next meeting. Pamela recommended viewing the disability resources website recommendations for poster development.

- Banning Bottled Water

Mike, Wendy, Susie, Nancy, and Jennifer agreed to be on a subcommittee to draft an implementation plan. Brian said that he would also participate as a liaison to the sustainability class that is working on a “taking back the tap” project. An attendee noted that OSPRIG should also be involved.

- Diversity Conference Debrief - Lessons Learned

- Remember importance of using different types of people in posters, presentations, and class materials.
- Kids are an audience too. Make things engaging for them.