

Sustainability Committee
Monday, March 5, 2012, 2:30-3:30 pm, Building 4, Room 105

Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions

Present: Monica Christoffels, Jennifer Hayward, Brian Kelly, Pamela McGilvray, Jyoti Naik, Mike O'Neal, Claudia Owen, Russ Pierson, Nancy Schwoerer, Anna Scott, Wendy Simmons, Toni Timmers, Paula Westgate, Dave Willis

2. Updates and Announcements

- *Reusable to go containers:* Mike reported that the cafeteria will be selling the reusable to go containers for \$5 and that he has selected a logo/design for the top of the container and the token. Mike displayed the logo. He also noted that a group of students is working on an FAQ and a video for the container initiative.
- *Take Back the Tap:* Jennifer reported on the work of the Take Back the Tap subcommittee. A subcommittee of Susie Cousar, Wendy Simmons, Mike O'Neal, Nancy Schwoerer, and Jennifer Hayward met on 2/10/12. Jennifer will schedule a second meeting of the subcommittee and include Monica Christoffels as a new member. Some highlights from the subcommittee meeting include that Wendy announced the Take Back the Tap plan at an ASLCC meeting. Susie drafted an e-mail to all instructors. Jennifer is working on a series of Lane Weekly announcements. Also, the group agreed to roll out a one day "ban of the bottle" on the day of our Earth Day celebration this year.
- *Foodservices compostable service-ware:* Mike announced that Pepsi is no longer supplying compostable 32 oz. soda cups. Foodservices looked for other vendors of compostable 32 oz. cups and couldn't find any, so the department made the decision to stop selling 32 oz. sodas. The Sustainability Committee applauded Foodservices' commitment to health and eco-friendly packaging.

3. Earth Day

Attendees discussed goals for Earth Day events which include:

- Educate LCC Community
- Broaden understanding
- Have a variety of activities
- Active, not just passive.

Claudia announced that graphic design instructor, Tom Madison, offered to help with Earth Day promotional materials with his spring class. Claudia explained that Mary Spilde is scheduled to do a ribbon cutting presentation which will officially open the Solar Station to the public on Thursday, April 19, 11:00 am.

From the list of potential activities that the Committee brainstormed at the last meeting, Claudia asked attendees to volunteer to be leaders in planning activities. Assigned projects are as follows:

| Lead | Activity |
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| Anna | Solar Station Ribbon Cutting |
| Monica | Take back the tap tabling with a water “taste test.” Monica will also talk to ASLCC and OSPIRG about getting involved with Earth Day events. |
| Nancy/Jennifer | Vendor tables in cafeteria and/or in the Building 30 lobby. |
| Susie/Claudia | Panel on social equity/environmental justice. |
| Jamina Shupack (new interim Learning Garden Specialist)/Brian | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Serve soup in garden made from Learning Garden veggies. Possibly a cake and/or bread too. Brian will take the lead on ensuring that Culinary Classes are ready to make food for the event. ○ Tours of garden |
| Wendy (Wendy will see if a biology faculty member will team up with her – Joe Russin or Pat Boleyn) | Walking tour of nature trails |
| Dave/Wendy/Frank | Walking tour of some of the sustainably landscaped areas on campus |
| Dave/Frank/Julia | Replanting trees along Parnell Loop |
| Jennifer | Tours of Building 30 |

Committee agreed to hold bulk of activities on April 19. The one activity that will need to be scheduled on Monday, April 23 is the panel on social equity because Susie is not available on 4/19/12.

4. Sustainability Plan Vision

- *Debrief the February 13 workshop:* Jennifer and Claudia are compiling official notes. Attendees comments included:
 - Group was divided with students and staff on opposite sides. Do more to shake composition up.
 - Good to hear different campus-wide initiatives
 - Left inspired
 - Good ideas, lots of new info
 - A lot of optimism
- *Next steps: Where do we go from here?:* Compile the notes and post-it sheets from the meeting. Integrate the vision with the Sustainability Conference of Fall with Deb Rowe. Prioritize. Start writing a document. Faculty challenge to infuse sustainability into curriculum using our facilities as teaching tools. Use learning garden in classes. Use metrics for net zero in classes. Question posed but not answered: should we, and if so how should we take this to various committees/groups to get more buy in?