

Sustainability Committee  
Monday, April 16, 2012, 2:30-3:30 pm, Building 4, Room 106

**Minutes**

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

- Present: Brenda Cervantes, Adam Frederick, Theodore Griffiths, Jennifer Hayward, Brian Kelly, Steven Kukal, Lori Lilliefors, Mike O'Neal, Claudia Owen, Margaret Robertson, Tara Rose, Nancy Schwoerer, Wendy Simmons, Toni Timmers, Sarah Whitney

**2. Updates and Announcements**

- *Sustainability Across the Curriculum Conference:* Brian announced that he and Claudia are going to a Sustainability Across the Curriculum Conference at WSU Vancouver on April 20. They will give a report about the conference at the next meeting.
- *Net Zero Plan:* Jennifer described the idea of having a net zero plan for the college. A net zero plan will take the college from the current state of the climate action plan, which is 61 actions that the college plans to do that will move us toward net zero carbon emissions, but the 61 actions will not get us all of the way there. President Spilde has offered the suggestion that we may be able to hire a consulting team to help the college develop the rest of the plan. Committee will discuss plan at future meeting. Jennifer will send a link to the current climate action plan to the committee.
- *Sustainability Book Display at Library:* Jennifer announced that there is a sustainability book display at the library. Kudos to the library for helping promote sustainability.

**3. Earth Week**

Committee briefly reviewed the planned Earth Day events and confirmed that everything is ready for the 4/19/12 and 4/23/12 events. Jennifer distributed flyers that committee members can hang or distribute in their departments. Jennifer requested volunteers for the Take Back the Tap table in the cafeteria on 4/23. Rosie offered to volunteer at the table from 10-12 and Nancy will staff the table from 1-2. Mike and Wendy said to let them know if we need additional help. Claudia and Sarah have some student volunteers lined up too. Mike said that he ordered 300 reusable bottles and he will put them on the shelves in Foodservices on 4/23/12 and pull the disposable bottles for the day.

**4. Presentation by Water Student on Water Bottle Filling Station Research**

Water Conservation student teams developed proposals on installing more bottled water filling stations at Lane. The winning team presented their proposal to the Sustainability Committee. Tara Rose was the presenter. The team's recommendations included:

- Replace the old ceramic drinking fountains because they can't be retrofitted.
- Install an affordable drinking fountain retrofit kit. They recommended a specific model.

- Have Bookstore staff ask students if they want to buy a BPA free water bottle at the same time ask they ask students if they want to buy a meal ticket.
- Contact John Femal at EWEB to discuss possibilities of getting an education-based grant to fund purchase of reusable bottles as give aways and/or other promotional material.

**5. Sustainability Plan:** Claudia presented a summary of the suggestions, ideas, and notes from the Sustainability Plan Visioning Session that the committee hosted on February 13, 2012. Margaret suggested that Committee discuss methods for garnering campus-wide buy-in at a future meeting. Theo recommended grassroots efforts. Mike noted that some ideas in the plan may compete with each other and that at some point we need to develop a system for resolving these issues. Committee suggested looking at Yale food program for inspiration for the plan.

Committee discussed organizational strategies for the plan. Ideas proposed were:

- a. **CORE VALUE STRUCTURE:** Use the three sentences in the core value as section headings which would essentially break the plan into sections about:
  - i. Physical systems
  - ii. Education
  - iii. Social elements
    - Community
    - Social equity
- b. **THREE PILLARS OF SUSTAINABILITY PLUS EDUCATION STRUCTURE:**
  - i. Ecological/Environmental responsibility
  - ii. Social/Cultural vitality/social equity
  - iii. Economic
  - iv. Education

Committee agreed to use option b. Claudia and Jennifer will reorganize the current notes into these four headings.