

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

Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Present: Jennifer Hayward, Brian Kelly, Rosie Kirwin, Lori Lilliefors, Jyoti Naik, Marika Pineda, Claudia Owen, Anna Scott, Wendy Simmons, Mike Sims, Toni Timmers, Sarah Whitney.

2. Updates and Announcements

- *Sustainability Plan Update:* Committee provided suggested list of content area teams. Claudia and Jennifer will begin scheduling content area working group meetings.
- *Financing the Future of Energy Summit:* Anna recently attended this summit organized by the Sustainable Endowments Institute. The purpose of the summit was to bring together colleges and universities that have green revolving loan funds to harness the knowledge and experience from these schools to better promote use of these funds to other schools and to decrease resource use and CO2 emissions across higher education. Green revolving loan funds are funds from which campus members can borrow money for green projects that have a payback. These are typically energy conservation, renewable energy, water conservation, or solid waste reduction projects. Lane's fund comes from energy savings, but Anna recommended that the college should explore the possibility of also setting up an endowment for revolving loans.
- *Low Impact Development Feasibility Study:* Sarah reported that she received a grant to conduct a low impact development feasibility study for Lane that will investigate the possibility of improving our stormwater management.
- Students in Lane's Honors Class will present about their "Taking Back the Tap" class project on June 5 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm in CML 220.
- Rosie reported that a faucet in one of the Science labs leaks over 2 gallons per day. Rosie asked the Sustainability Committee to consider doing a project on reducing water leaks. Committee recommended that Science Department submit a work order to FMP to have the leak fixed.
- *American Association of Community College SEED Center:* Jennifer briefly described the Sustainability Education and Economic Development Center hosted by the AACC. The Center's website provides resources on greening curriculum and campus operations for community colleges.

3. Print Management Presentation

Marika presented about the Print Management project at Lane. This project is meant to reduce paper, ink, and energy use. More information can be found at <http://www2.lanecc.edu/pg/print-management>. The Sustainability Committee supported the plan.

4. Speaker Series for 2012-13

Jennifer presented the idea of planning a series of sustainability speakers for the next school year. Committee discussed possible speakers, topics, and marketing strategies.

Speakers:

- Internal experts

Topics:

- Bike maintenance
- Health and Sustainability
- Mushroom identification.
- Gardening.

Marketing Strategies:

- Plan each one in conjunction with a class so that we are certain to at least have one whole class in attendance.
- Direct e-mails.
- Schedule during inservices.
- Co-sponsor with other groups like Reading Together, Peace Center, Wellness, and group coordinating the Islam series.

Wendy noted that faculty member Beth Naylor will be giving a presentation on nutrition and local foods at the fall inservice.

5. Sustainability Committee Year in Review

Attendees discussed ideas for improving Committee for next year.

Things that were good:

- 1 hour meetings twice per month.
- Sustainability plan visioning session.
- Organized, stuck with agenda usually.

Things to improve:

- Consider having an intern to help with committee paperwork (minutes).
- Continue meetings over the summer.
- Have meetings at an earlier time in the day.
- Do better with letting members know when organizers need help.
- Meet outside on nice day.