

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

Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Present: Jennifer Hayward, Gloria Jarvis, Brian Kelly, Leah Knelly, Jim Lindly, Bob Mention, Jyoti Naik, Claudia Owen, Margaret Robertson, Wendy Simmons, Mike Sims, Toni Timmers, Dave Willis.

2. Updates and Announcements

- **EVENT:** *Presentation by Chavannes Jean-Baptiste:* Reminder - Haitian leader and Goldman Environmental Award Winner, Chavannes Jean-Baptiste, will be presenting at Lane on Thursday, November 8 from 1:00-3:00 pm in Building 19, Room 226.
- **EVENT:** *"The Myth of the Muslim Tide" Panel:* Reminder - UO Professor Irum Shiekh (<http://ethnic.uoregon.edu/profile/shiekh>), author of *"Detained Without Cause: Muslims' Stories of Detention and Deportation in America after 9/11"*, among others discuss the Fresh Air interview with Doug Saunders, author of *"The Myth of the Muslim Tide"*.
EVENT: Film screening – *Queen of the Sun:* A profound, alternative look at the global bee crisis from Taggart Siegel, director of *THE REAL DIRT ON FARMER JOHN*. Taking us on a journey through the catastrophic disappearance of bees and the mysterious world of the beehive, this engaging and ultimately uplifting film weaves an unusual and dramatic story of the heartfelt struggles of beekeepers, scientists and philosophers from around the world including Michael Pollan, Gunther Hauk and Vandana Shiva. Together they reveal both the problems and the solutions in renewing a culture in balance with nature. Thursday, November 15, 2012, 7 pm, 17/307, Free organic popcorn!
- **NEW Institute for Sustainable Practices Website:** Jennifer announced that Lane's sustainability website has been reorganized and has lots of new and updated content. Please check it out and let Jennifer know if you have any suggestions for improvement. Committee discussed that the definition of sustainability with the full breadth and depth of its intent should be included on the website.
- **Health & Wellness Fair:** Wendy announced that the Health Fair will be held on January 29, 2013 and asked the Sustainability Committee to consider hosting a booth again this year.

3. Oregon Higher Education Sustainability Conference

The Oregon Higher Education Sustainability Conference will take place at Portland State University January 31 & February 1, 2013. Presentation proposals submitted from Lane were:

- Institutionalizing Sustainability: Strategic Directions and Bringing Academics and Operations Together (Brian Kelly)
- The Role of Beauty, Place, and Culture in Sustainable Buildings (Bob Mention)
- Using Your Campus as a Learning Lab (Roger Ebbage, Jennifer Hayward, Anna Scott, Mike Sims, Sarah Whitney).
- Building an Interdisciplinary Two-Year Degree: Use What You Have (Margaret Robertson)
- Operational Innovation in Recycling and Waste Management (Mike Sims)

- Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy: Getting Things Done with Planning! (Anna Scott)
- Cultivating Interdependence: Lane Learning Gardens' Growth of Cross-Campus Sustainability Networks (Julie Sheen)
- Greening Your Event/100 Mile Meal (Amanda Eriksen, Julie Fether, Brian Kelly)

Committee discussed ideas for funding Sustainability Committee members and other Lane employees and students to attend. Ideas included:

- Apply for Classified Professional Development Funds as a block.
- Determine whether there are CEUs associated with the conference. This may help some people with justification to attend.
- Encourage faculty to use their professional development money.
- Use 11 passenger vans to make travel cheaper.
- Share lodging.
- Use sale of surplus property (refrigerant) to help fund.

Cost estimate for attending is \$120 registration, \$74/night hotel, plus a little money for food (conference includes breakfasts and lunches). Jennifer will ask who wants to go and get a list together and starting looking for funding.

4. Sustainability Grant Ideas

Claudia and Jennifer explained that Lane's grants office currently has availability to help look for sustainability grants and asked the Committee to brainstorm about projects that could be funded by grants. Committee ideas were:

- Climate Action plan implementation
- Strategic Direction plan implementation
- Bike Lane on 30th Ave
- Electric car and/or bike fleet
- Bike hub building/ISP building
- Professional development
 - AASHE Conference
 - Curriculum Development
- Tool kit: Books, journals, resources, equipment for checkout
- Interpretive signage
- Outdoor trash/recycling stations
- Bottle filling stations
- Wetlands restoration (Talk to Joe, bob, Jyoti first)
- Low impact development stormwater overlay
- Wind generator @ Florence for learning lab
- Wave generation partnership with City, county, OSU
- Waste to energy technology (plasma laser) [NOTE: Concern that this sends message that it is okay to create garbage because it can be easily dealt with.
- Community Education (development of continuing ed classes)
- Educational Art for Sustainability

- LEAN Process – Elimination of Waste
 - Value stream mapping
 - Quick and easy keisen
- Promotion/education around organic food.

5. Sustainability and Spirituality

Bob volunteered to participate in a subcommittee to schedule a workshop or some type event related to sustainability and spirituality. Bob suggested that Russ Pierson and Clif Trolin also participate in the sub-committee.

6. “Tool Box” of Sustainable Practices for Departments

Committee brainstormed the following content and implementation ideas for a “tool box” of sustainable practices for departments.

Content	Implementation
List of preferred products: -durable -recyclable -locally made -non-toxic -GHG impact.	Theme: People, planet, profit
	Peer pressure/competition/sharing stories
	Keep it simple and fun
	Check list with %s getting different levels
	Use it to tell our story.

Claudia, Jim, and Jennifer will meet between now and the next meeting to use the Committee suggestions to develop a more thorough proposal for the tool box.