

Sustainability Committee  
Tuesday, February 5, 2:00-3:00 pm, Building 7, Room 212K

## Minutes

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

- Present: Darlene Colborn, Jennifer Hayward, Brian Kelly, Jim Lindly, Bob Mention, Jyoti Naik, Claudia Owen, Russ Pierson, Wendy Simmons, Mike Sims, Sarah Whitney.

### 2. Updates and Announcements

- *ISP Grant Plan*: Claudia reported that Lane's grant writer, Kathy Thomas, is working on a grant plan for ISP.
- *A New Creation – Reimagining the Beginning, End and Everything in Between*: Russ reported that he will be offering a three-part lecture series on our place in creation and our role in the conversation around the environment. The lectures will be on Sundays, February 10, 17, and 24 from 4:00-5:15 pm at the Eugene Faith Center on 13<sup>th</sup> and Polk. A flyer is attached.
- *Chasing Ice*: Jennifer announced that this film is showing at the Bijou through this Thursday, February 7. This visually stunning film documents some of the climate change related changes to global ice formations over the last 50 years.
- *Green Career and Education Fair*: Jennifer reported that the organization, Partners for Sustainable Schools, is hosting a Green Career and Education Fair for local high schools on April 19. Erik Westerholm will represent Lane on a panel on energy careers and the organizers have asked Lane to provide a representative to sit on a panel about careers in Sustainable Food and Agriculture. Jennifer will forward additional information about the fair to Sarah Whitney so that she can contact the organizers regarding careers in water conservation and quality.
- *Iditarod Moved Due to Lack of Snow*: Mike mentioned that this annual sled dog race is being moved for the first time since the event was established due to lack of snow on the usual route.
- *Health and Wellness Fair*: Wendy announced that the Health Fair went well and that over 300 people attended.
- *Congressman DeFazio Tour of Downtown Campus*: Jim reported that Congressman DeFazio recently toured Lane's new Downtown Campus and that he was impressed with green building features.

### 3. Debrief Oregon Higher Education Sustainability Conference

Committee members who attended the conference provided some take-aways:

- Sarah said that the DEQ 2050 session focused on looking at the full life-cycle of products with the thought that every bit of it should be reused or recycled at end of life.
- Bob explained that he came away with three ideas in the DEQ 2050 session that he wants to begin implementing in the bond office immediately:
  1. Ask for environmental declarations on products purchased ([www.environmentalproductdeclaration.com](http://www.environmentalproductdeclaration.com)). Jyoti noted that we could give preference to vendors who provide this information.
  2. Include additional sustainability requirements in requests for proposals for architectural/engineering firms. Specifically, ask them to describe how

sustainability factors into their materials selections. Jyoti noted that we could also ask architecture/engineering firms for their carbon footprint. Jim suggested building an incentive into the contracts for architects to specify more local products.

3. Do the same as #2 for contractor requests for proposals.
- Mike reported on the City Year Project presentation. This session described a UO project in which students work with a selected city for a year to do work that affects immediate and lasting change for sustainability. <http://sci.uoregon.edu/initiatives>. Mike suggested inviting representatives from the City of Springfield and from the City Year Project to speak to the Committee.
- Wendy noted that there was not much on Wellness and Sustainability at the conference. She would like to see more in the future.
- Jennifer noted that Lane seemed to have some more progressive recycling methods than the other schools and she suggested that Mike present some of the information at a future meeting.

Lane will be hosting the next Oregon Higher Education Sustainability Conference in 2015.

#### **4. Earth Day 2013**

Committee brainstormed ideas for Earth Day 2013.

- Food and massage
- DCA and Titan Court tours
- Waste audit
- Energy ambassadors
- Designing spaces
  - Smaller (DCA as example). Use less space to store paper.
  - Have wider temperature range and have people dress differently/change behaviors
- Take back the tap celebration
- Getting the word out to students. What we are doing. Maybe have a poster session. Show timeline on poster.
- Complement Peace Conference theme – stopping violence against women. Panel conversation on how stopping violence relates to sustainability.
- Wellness

[Side note: Consider not having chilled drinking fountains. They use more energy and cold water is not as healthy.]

**Toolbox draft and Sustainability Website:** Discussions moved to next meeting due to lack of time for discussion at this meeting.