

Sustainability Committee
Tuesday, February 19, 2:00-3:00 pm, Building 16, Room 211

Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Present: Darlene Colborn, Jennifer Hayward, Gail Hemsoth, Brian Kelly, Lori Lilliefors, Pamela McGilvray, Bob Mention, Beth Naylor, Claudia Owen, Russ Pierson, Anna Scott, Wendy Simmons, Kathy Thomas, Dave Willis.

2. Updates and Announcements

- *Slow Money-Investing in Food, Farms, and Fertility*: Jennifer announced that Woody Tasch, founder of the national movement to invest locally – particularly in small food enterprises, will be speaking at the UO tonight at 7:00 pm.
- *Screening of the Film, Island President*: Claudia reported that Paul Ruscher will be screening the film *Island President*, on Wednesday, April 17 at 4:00 pm. Claudia asked if the Committee would like to help promote the event and be billed as a co-sponsor. Committee voted to support the event. For more information about the film, see the trailer: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sNBPVJgmGlg>.
- *Affordable Sustainable Housing Demonstration at Lane*: Jennifer reported that a group of students who are in the Intro to Sustainability class submitted a request for assistance in finding funding and a location to have a Conestoga hut demonstration at Lane. These huts are a way to provide improved housing for our homeless community members with a locally made community supported shelter. <https://sites.google.com/site/conestogahuts/home>. Jennifer reported to the Committee that she informed the student group that the Committee has already set its priorities for projects for 2012-13, but that she would announce the idea to the Committee so that they could consider it as a project for future years.

3. Sustainable Practices Toolbox

Members provided the following comments on the 11/27/12 version of the Tool Box proposal.

- Provide desk lamps with a light emitting diode (LED) lamp rather than compact fluorescent (CFL)
- Don't use acronyms.
- Add a "purpose" statement.
- Add a definitions section.
- Have a heading that says something like "GREEN OFFICE CERTIFICATION."
- Describe the reward system at the top.
- Ambassador to introduce Certification within department.
- Consider having more than one ambassador per department for larger departments. Could maybe have certifications of units within departments. This could lead to some friendly intra-departmental competition.
- Promote results.
- Have a graphic in the cafeteria (or another visible location) that somehow tracks progress and successes (like a global warming thermometer).
- Measure departmental improvement. Somehow give credit for improvement. Possible

things to measure might be decrease in plug loads (fewer refrigerators, heaters, fans).

- Have some “myth busting” info associated with the tool box. For example, “Did you know that you should always turn off the light when you leave the room...”

Gail said that these should be things that are expected. Wendy noted that just reading through the toolbox document will raise awareness. Lori said that some departments could not do some of these items. For example, since Cooperative Education is so spread out, they probably couldn't have just one refrigerator. Jennifer asked members to e-mail her additional comments and noted that the Tool Box Subcommittee (Claudia, Darlene, Jennifer, Jim, and Russ) would prepare a new draft for committee review.

4. Earth Day 2013

Committee discussed next steps, assignments and dates for Earth Day. Agreements were:

- DATE = Monday, April 22, 2013. This is the real date of Earth Day.
- THEME = Water
- ACTIVITIES AND LEAD ASSIGNMENTS:

ACTIVITY	LEAD
Screening of the film <i>Island President</i> .	Paul Ruscher (?)
Water-focused tour of Building 61	Bob Mention
Water-focused tour of main campus (Consider creating a self-guided tour. It could be a smart phone app?)	Margaret Robertson (?) and/or Sarah Whitney (?)
Take back the Tap Celebration	Mike O'Neal (?) & Tony Sanjume (?)
Highlight the water academic programs	Claudia Owen, Paul Ruscher (?), Sarah Whitney (?)
Have a wellness component (possibly swimming at the Downtown Athletic Club which is a block away from Building 61).	Wendy
Invite community partners to do tabling and/or displays. -Eugene Water and Electric Board -Springfield Utility Board -Area watershed councils.	Jennifer Hayward and Claudia Owen

(NOTE: Lead people with question marks behind the names are people who were not at the meeting.)