

Sustainability Committee  
Tuesday, March 19, 2:00-3:00 pm, Building 4, Room 105

## Minutes

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

- Present: Darlene Colborn, Jennifer Hayward, Brian Kelly, Jim Lindly, Pamela McGilvray, Bob Mention, Jyoti Naik, Claudia Owen, Russ Pierson, Anna Scott, Wendy Simmons, Mike Sims, Stan Taylor, Kathy Thomas, Toni Timmers, Clive Wanstall.

### 2. Updates and Announcements

*Northwest Earth Institute:* Jennifer reported that the Northwest Earth Institute recently contacted her regarding whether Lane would want to use their sustainability education materials. Jennifer passed around the NWEI flyer so that the Committee could consider future partnerships.

*Earth Day 2013 Preparations:* Jennifer noted that she is interviewing an intern this afternoon who would be available to help event leaders. Wendy said that the Downtown Athletic Club would allow LCC people to use their facility on that day for \$5/person. This is a good deal because normally they don't allow drop ins at all. Wendy could cover the fee with Wellness money, so it will be free to the Lane community. There are adult only lab swims from 5:00 am to 12:00 pm, 5:00-5:45 pm, and 8:00-9:00 pm. Group agreed that if only one time is available, the 5:00-5:45 time would be best. Wendy will check with the DAC about whether we can have drop in all day or whether we need to choose an hour. Wendy may be able to give some swim instruction during the 5:00-5:45 time. Brian reported that the Titan Store, Foodservices, and CML have been prepping for a "Take Back the Tap" celebration on Earth Day. They have ordered reusable water bottles to distribute for free. They are also making posters with statistics about the benefits that Lane has generated from not selling water in disposable bottles.

*Association of College Unions International Conference:* Brian reported that he recently attended the ACUI Conference and went to a presentation on an energy saving software called "Events to HVAC" that has a track record of saving money and energy by turning on and off HVAC systems only when rooms are scheduled to be in use.

*Willamette University Cafeteria:* Wendy noted that she was recently at Willamette University and discovered that their cafeteria has lots of good examples of sustainability labeling, including "Fair Trade" and "Organic."

*Peace Symposium:* Stan encouraged Committee members to attend and help promote the Peace Symposium (<http://www2.lanecce.edu/peacecenter/2013-peace-symposium>) which is taking place at Lane on April 19 with a theme of "Rise to End Gender Violence!"

### 3. Recycling and Climate Action Plan

Mike Sims gave a presentation on Lane's new innovative recycling practice of having "waste stations" in hallways and not having garbage cans in classrooms. The "waste stations" have bins for garbage, paper, and containers. This new system has been implemented in Buildings 2, 4, 5, 10, 16, and 61. Before and after waste audits are indicating that this system is reducing trash in these buildings by 52%. Mike noted that this new system saves money in avoided garbage fees and in janitorial labor costs. Mike said that the next area he is looking at transitioning to this system is Center 4<sup>th</sup> floor. Mike's presentation is attached.

#### **4. Sustainability Toolbox (“Green Office Certification”)**

The Committee reviewed the final draft of the toolbox and provided the following comments:

- Employees can already go to the FEC one day per week for free, so a one day pass isn’t really a prize. Wendy to let Jennifer know if there is another wellness-type prize that might be appropriate.
- Add reusable water bottles to the prize list.
- Develop procedures for how to do some of the items in the checklist and link from the item to the procedure.

Darlene will ask Peer-to-Peer to put a review of the toolbox on the agenda for the next meeting. Darlene and Jennifer will ask Peer-to-Peer for input on what items will require training and procedures.

#### **5. AASHE 2013 (Nashville) and 2014 (Portland)**

Jennifer reported that the Association for Sustainability in Higher Education Conference will be taking place in Nashville in October 2013 and in Portland in 2014. Presentation proposals are due for the 2013 conference on March 21, 2013. Committee to let Jennifer know if they have recommendations for conference presentations. Jennifer noted that she is hoping to have students attend both the 2013 and 2014 conferences and asked the Committee to consider mechanisms by which we could generate student interest and obtain funding to send students.