

Sustainability Committee
Tuesday, March 18 2014, 3:00-4:00, Building 16, Room 142

Notes

1. Welcome and Introductions:

- Marisa Hastie, Health, PE, & Athletics
- Jennifer Hayward, Institute for Sustainable Practices
- Patty Hine, High School Connections
- Rachelle Katter, Health, PE, & Athletics
- Brian Kelly, College Services
- Lori Lilliefors, Cooperative Education
- Pamela McGilvray, Disability Resources
- Claudia Owen, Science
- Russ Pierson, Facilities Management and Planning
- Margaret Robertson, Advanced Technology
- Paul Ruscher, Science
- Wendy Simmons, Wellness
- Clive Wanstall, Conference and Culinary Services

2. Updates and Announcements:

- *AASHE Host Committee Benefits:* Claudia noted that the 2014 Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education Conference will take place October 26-29 in Portland, OR. Lane is a host institution. Jennifer reported that the AASHE host committee benefits include 1 complimentary conference pass, 1 complimentary conference pass for President or Provost, 2 student summit passes, ¼ page placement in conference program highlighting campus sustainability programs or initiatives, tabletop display in a main thoroughfare, institution logo/link listed on the home page of the conference website, logo listed in host sponsor section of printed program, and press release template including your involvement as a sponsor highlighting sessions presented at the conference from your campus representatives.
- *Yes! Magazine:* Patty distributed two copies of the most recent issue of Yes! Magazine. YES! Is an excellent publication that reframes the biggest problems of our time in terms of their solutions. It outlines a path forward with in-depth analysis, tools for citizen engagement, and stories about real people working for a better world. Patty said that she would periodically bring a new issue to loan committee members and suggested that members, who borrow the magazine, bring it to the next meeting to loan to someone else.
- *Climate Action and Education Forum:* Jennifer reminded the Committee that this will take place May 9 from 1-3 in the Longhouse. Several different climate experts will give brief presentations followed by activities and Q&A. This event will be free and open to the public.
- *Earth Day Eugene:* The Eugene Earth Day event will be on Saturday, April 19 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm at the EWEB River Edge Plaza. Paul let the Committee know that Lane will have two booths at this event – one for the Watershed Science Technician degree and one for the Institute for Sustainable Practices degrees (Energy Management, Water Conservation, Sustainability Coordinator, etc.).
- *City of Eugene Sustainability Commission* – Jennifer reported that the City of Eugene is seeking new members for the Sustainability Commission. Applications are due March 28. Jennifer will distribute information to the committee.
- *Planning for Carbon Neutrality – Reduce Existing Building Energy Use by 35% by 2050* - Jennifer reported that the Institute for Sustainable Practices recently hosted a meeting to begin strategizing about how to reduce existing building energy use by 35% by 2050. The meeting was attended by five consulting engineers and several FMP and Institute for Sustainable Practices employees. The 35% reduction in existing building energy use comes from a recent study

conducted in conjunction with the design of the central plant remodel bond project. This study indicates that in order to become carbon neutral, we will need to:

- reduce existing building energy use by 35%
- design new buildings to 45% more efficient than a code baseline
- reduce central plant energy use by 40%
- make up the remainder of our energy use through renewable resources.

The study only addressed emissions from electricity and natural gas used in campus facilities. It did not cover other sources of emissions like those from commuting or air travel. Jennifer will send the notes from this meeting to the Sustainability Committee.

- *SEED Green Genome Award* – Brian announced that the American Association of Community College (AACC) Sustainable Education & Economic Development (SEED) Center is offering “Green Genome Awards.” The Committee discussed applying for one of the awards. Applications are due by April 30 and winners will receive over \$14,000 in cash and prizes. Jennifer will send the Committee links to the award application and information about past winners.

3. Faculty Professional Development

Jennifer briefly described what Lane and other schools have done for faculty professional development in sustainability. Past projects have included sustainability trainings for instructors with curriculum development allocations that the instructors use to modify their courses to infuse sustainability.

Marisa Hastie attended the meeting as a special guest to tell the Committee about Lane’s Faculty Professional Development budget and to discuss potential options for collaboration between the Committee and FPD. Information that Marisa provided about FPD included:

- It is available to all instructors who work 0.2 FTE or more and who have been at Lane for at least a year.
- FPD is not for curriculum development.
- FPD provides up to \$2700 for each qualifying faculty member every three years to attend conferences, courses, workshops, etc.
- Other FPD programs include:
 - Faculty Interest Groups (FIGs): A group of 4-10 instructors work together to research a specific topic. Each participant receives a stipend of \$300. The group can also access up to \$500 to pay for a speaker or supplies. FIGs are required to meet at least five times for at least an hour each meeting.
 - Discipline Contact Grants: These can be used to purchase discipline specific books, journals or memberships. Funds are out for this year.
 - Teaching Course: This is a term-long hybrid-format course in which participants learn methods for improving their teaching techniques.
 - Faculty Connections: This is an orientation and mentorship program for new instructors. It includes a fall orientation session and 1-2 roundtables each term.
 - Academic Colloquia: These are open forums for presentations of academic or artistic merit on a variety of topics. For example, an Academic Colloquium may feature a presentation on a book that an instructor has written. FPD sponsors and promotes the colloquia including providing refreshments and an honorarium for the presenter.
 - Special trainings: This year FPD is funding an emotional intelligence training for instructors, for example.

The Committee brainstormed the following ideas for faculty professional development for sustainability:

- Add a sustainability component to the Teaching Course.
- Apply for a discipline contact grant for books, journals, and/or memberships related to infusing sustainability across the curriculum.
- Faculty Connections round table(s) on sustainability.

- Form a FIG to:
 - study pedagogical approaches to infusing sustainability into curriculum;
 - develop a training program for Lane instructors;
 - develop a reading together model for infusing sustainability into curriculum that includes a theme, a book, infusion throughout the curriculum, and a capstone project.
- The Sustainability Committee could propose a speaker series to the FPD committee.
- Have one or two Faculty Connections Roundtables be about sustainability. One could be “Intro to Sustainability” and one could be more specifically on techniques for infusing sustainability concepts into curricula.

4. Earth Day

- *Subcommittee:* Jennifer asked a few Committee members to volunteer to participate on an Earth Day subcommittee that will handle a few of the more detail oriented aspects of the event. Lori, Patty, and Pamela volunteered. Jennifer will schedule a subcommittee meeting.
- *Schedule:* Committee reviewed and approved the final draft Earth Day schedule with minor modifications. The final schedule with the Committee modifications is attached. Patty noted that Kathleen Dean Moore’s presentation at the UO should be included in promotional materials. The committee briefly discussed the agenda for the First Annual Climate Summit. Committee recommendations included:
 - Brief summary on our progress in achieving the Climate Action Plan.
 - Short presentations by 1-3 different experts on different aspects of climate change.
 - Audience input.
 - Have a large, striking visual display that helps to sum up a lot of the information presented. Attendees can look at the display before and after the summit and it can later be placed in prominent locations like the cafeteria.
- *Bike/Walk:* Jennifer distributed posters and sign-up sheets to the Committee and asked them to help promote the event by hanging up posters and getting people to sign up to participate.

Earth Day 2014 Schedule

DATE: Monday, April 21, 2014

ACTIVITIES/EVENTS	LOCATION	TIME
Screening of the Island President	TBD	8:00 to 10:00 am
Screening of the Island President	TBD	10:00 am to 12:00 pm
First Annual Climate Summit	Building 3, Room 216 (the Boardroom)	3:30 to 5:00 pm

DATE: Tuesday, April 22, 2014

ACTIVITIES/EVENTS	LOCATION	TIME
Group bike and walk from Amazon Station to Lane	Amazon Station (29 th and Amazon) and West Entrance (near Parnell Loop)	7:00 to 8:00 am
Group bike and walk from Amazon Station to Lane	Amazon Station (29 th and Amazon) and West Entrance (near Parnell Loop)	9:00 to 10:00 am
Vendor Fair	Bristow Square	10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Local farms – Advertise CSAs, etc.		
Local food producers – Hummingbird, etc.		
Local bike shops		
Local sustainable transportation non-profits – Point2Point, Center for Appropriate Transport		
Eugene Police Department – Information on registering your bike and bike safety.		
Lane Community College offerings – Bike Lane, Sustainability degree programs, Green Chemistry Club, Learning Garden, Healthy Commuting Habits table.		
Bike maintenance station		
Tire pressure station	West Entrance	10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Food provided/served by Culinary Arts	Bristow Square	12:00 – 1:00 pm
Music	Bristow Square	12:00 – 1:00 pm
Group bike and walk from Lane to Amazon Station	West Entrance (near Parnell Loop) and Amazon Station (29 th and Amazon)	5:00 to 6:00 pm