

Sustainability Committee
Tuesday, April 1 2014, 3:00-4:00, Building 16, Room 119

Notes

1. Welcome and Introductions:

- Darlene Colborn, Facilities Management and Planning
- Jennifer Hayward, Institute for Sustainable Practices
- Gail Hemsoth, Adult Basic Secondary Education
- 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
- Stan Taylor, Social Science
- Clive Wanstall, Conference and Culinary Services
- Zack Wright, Student

2. Updates and Announcements:

- *Sustainable Purchasing Subcommittee*: Rachelle reported that the Sustainable Purchasing Subcommittee met before break and came up with a plan to further research sweatshop free policies and to meet with Office Max regarding options for improving sustainability with our contract with them. The subcommittee will be meeting again next week.
- *IPCC Report*: Margaret reported that new Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change reports have recently been released, specifically, the Working Group 1 and 2 contributions to the Fifth Assessment Report. Paul noted that the Working Group 3 report will be out next month. Paul summarized some of the findings in the reports:
 - The evidence that human-caused climate change is occurring is overwhelming.
 - Things are happening faster than predicted in the last report. New predictions include:
 - A 2 meter sea level rise by the end of the century, as opposed to a 1 meter rise predicted in the last report.
 - No sea ice in the arctic in the summer within 6 years.
 - Famine and water rationing issues.
 - Water riots were identified as a critical threat.

Jennifer will order the full report for the sustainability library once it comes out as a book.

- *Peace Symposium*: Stan encouraged committee members to attend and to help spread the word about the annual Peace Symposium which will be happening in the longhouse on April 25 & 26, 2014. The theme for the event is "Awakening the Dreamer → Move to Action." The symposium will focus on the destructive dream of the modern world that happiness is rooted in endless consumption, oppression of marginalized peoples, endless war and corporate control of politics and the economy. For more information and to register, see <http://www.lanecc.edu/peacecenter>.
- *350Eugene*: Patty provided an update on activities of 350Eugene. The first general meeting will be held on April 3 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm at the church on 13th and Olive. The agenda will include prepping for Earth Day to May Day activities.
- *Global Climate Convergence* – Patty reported that the Global Climate Convergence (<http://globalclimateconvergence.org/>) will be putting out a calendar of Earth Day to May Day

activities in our community. The calendar will include events going on at the UO, City of Eugene, and at Lane. Jennifer will send Patty the final version of Lane's Earth Day events to be included on the calendar.

3. Earth Day

a. Review promotional materials: Jennifer passed out a promotional plan that included several Lane Weekly announcements. The committee reviewed the plan and provided the following feedback:

- Wendy put the Bike/Walk event on the Wellness website and will include it in an email she is sending out later this week with the spring term wellness schedule.
- Zack suggested contacting Lane's OSPIRG organizer to ask if OSPIRG would help promote the event.
- Paul and Claudia both noted that they are having their classes participate in at least one Earth Day to May Day event.

b. Review/assign tasks: Committee reviewed Earth Day to do list and assigned tasks for those not yet assigned as follows:

- Pamela agreed to book music.
- Paul agreed to invite Amtrak to participate in the vendor fair.
- Zach agreed to invite Disciples of Dirt to participate in the vendor fair.

An updated task list is attached.

c. Update on Bike/Walk: Several members reported that they have been recruiting participants. Jennifer asked people to give her their sign-up sheets by Friday, April 18. Jennifer will e-mail a reminder to those who signed up on 4/18/14.

d. Island President: The film, *Island President*, will be screened two times on Monday, April 21 in CML 226 at 8 am and at 10 am. Claudia's Global Climate Change classes will attend and all other Lane community members are welcome as well. The film is an inspiring portrait of a group of citizens fighting for democracy and climate justice.

e. Climate Summit: The Committee reviewed and provided input on the following draft agenda.

3:30-3:35 Welcome

3:35-3:45 State of the Science

3:45-4:00 State of Lane's Climate Action Plan

4:00-4:10 Q&A

4:10-4:40 Effects of Climate Change and What You Can Do

4:10-4:20 Philosophy/Spirituality (Clif)

4:20-4:30 Health (Susie)

4:30-4:40 Activism (Jamil)

4:40-4:50 Q&A

4:50-5:00 Audience input – next steps for Lane

Input included:

- Provide a 1-page summary of the state of Lane's Climate Action Plan that attendees can take away and share with their departments.
- Talk about the Green Office Certification and how this is a way that departments can contribute.
- Include information about choices that individuals can make.
- 3:30-5:00 is late for student attendance. Target audience should be employees. Ask Mary to send an invitation to Deans that also encourages Deans to support attendance of their employees.
- Promotional communications should address the question – How does this affect me?
- The State of the Science and State of Lane's Climate Action Plan sections might be too short.

4. Faculty Professional Development

Due to other agenda items taking longer than scheduled, the Committee only very briefly discussed this item. Rachelle volunteered to investigate setting up a Faculty Interest Group (FIG).