

**Sustainability Committee**  
**Tuesday, May 6 2014, 3:00-4:00, Building 16, Room 119**

**Notes**

**1. Welcome and Introductions:**

- Brianna, Student
- Jennifer Hayward, Institute for Sustainable Practices
- Patty Hine, High School Connections
- Rachelle Katter, Health, PE, & Athletics
- Brian Kelly, College Services
- Jim Lindly, Small Business Development Center
- Pamela McGilvray, Disability Resources
- Claudia Owen, Science
- Russ Pierson, Facilities Management and Planning
- Margaret Robertson, Advanced Technology
- Paul Ruscher, Science
- Anna Scott, Institute for Sustainable Practices
- Mike Sims, Institute for Sustainable Practices
- Julie Sheen, Institute for Sustainable Practices
- Stan Taylor, Social Science
- Kathy Thomas, Grants Office

**2. Updates and Announcements:**

- *Gardening and Sustainable Food Systems:* Julie announced that a credit class on gardening and sustainable food systems will be taking place this summer. The class is available for registration now. It is a three credit class being offered M, W, H 10:00 – 12:45 for the first eight weeks of summer. It is a lecture/lab class with time in the classroom and time in the LCC Learning Garden. The class can be found under both the Culinary and the Sustainability sections in the schedule of classes. Please help spread the word. The class needs to have 18 students in order to run.
- *Divestment at UO:* Patty announced that UO students voted to divest from fossil fuels. 350Eug has started a series of workshops on how to organize a divestment campaign. The workshops will be every first Wednesday of the month, starting on May 7 from 5:30-6:30 pm at the First United Methodist Church at 1376 Olive St, Eugene, OR. The flyer is attached.
- *Faculty Interest Group (FIG):* Rachelle reported that the faculty interest group is meeting today at 4 pm to plan for next year's proposed FIG. The group plans to submit the application in fall 2014. Currently, participating instructors are Susie Cousar, Rachelle Katter, Claudia Owen, Margaret Robertson, and Paul Ruscher. Michelle Mort and Pat Boleyn may also participate.
- *Commuter Survey:* Jennifer reported that the survey will go live on May 19, 2014. Please help spread the word. Jennifer will ask Foodservices and the Bookstore to donate prizes for survey raffle winners.
- *Climate Action and Education Forum:* Jennifer reminded the Committee that the Climate Action and Education Forum will be taking place in the Longhouse on Friday, May 9 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Please help spread the word.
- *SEED Green Genome Award:* Brian announced that Lane applied for the American Association of Community Colleges Sustainability Education & Economic Development (SEED) Center Green Genome award in the category of Governance. Winners are announced in July.

**3. Earth Day**

**Debrief:**

- Having the vendor fair inside resulted in limited traffic. Not as much attendance as we hoped.

- Music and food were good.
- Walk to Lane was good. Not as many people as hoped for, however, those who did participate felt a sense of accomplishment, like they had overcome a hurdle.
- Good feedback from students on the film screening.
- Climate Summit was good.
- ~12 cars and 1 bike used the tire filling station. Jim interested in staffing a tire filling station for Earth Day next year.
- There were a large number of activities and diffuse participation.

#### **Future:**

- Need more vendor tables
- Need tables where people do things
- Have awards and interactive quizzes at the vendor fair tables, like at the Health Fair.
- Have films
- Have plan set and get the word out sooner.
- Coordinate with other community events.
- Do tire filling station again. Have more advertising and signage. Make sure advertising/signage specifies that it is free.
- Electric car show/EV parade.
- Have the vendor fair be more of a festival/party atmosphere. Have activities that college students like to do (disc golf, games, hacky-sack, ribbon dancing).
- Have events and workshop in the learning garden.
- Skills classes (i.e. composting, reaching across the divide, how to make worm bins from recycled materials, container gardening, bike tune ups, art from recycled materials)
- Make the invisible visible (i.e. public waste audit)
- Advertise the food aspect of Earth Day to achieve higher attendance.
- Celebrate the solar station. Celebrate how many charges have resulted from the station, for example.
- Collaborate with the Music, Dance, and Theater Arts division to have music, dance, and/or theater woven into the events for the day.
- Work on getting more/better prize donations (bike, refurbished bikes, panniers, art made by LCC art student(s) )

Stan noted that next year's Peace Symposium will likely take place on April 24 & 25. Peace Committee is currently in conversation with the Global Climate Convergence organizers regarding having the first convergence at the 2015 symposium.

#### **4. AASHE**

##### **a. How to recruit student and employee attendees**

Start with Sustainability Coordinator students. Promote it in classes that these students are taking. Stan said that the Peace Center is hosting a Buffalo Field Campaign event on October 5 and that there may be an opportunity for a tie in between the two events. Committee discussed how we would select students who want to attend if more are interested than budgeted. Need to have a fair process, perhaps an essay contest. Jennifer will ask ASLCC if they would sponsor a few students to attend.

##### **b. Who wants to go**

- Rachelle
- Mike
- Anna
- Jennifer

##### **c. Van pool**

Mike noted that he is hoping to organize a group bike ride from Eugene to Portland.

## **5. Plan for last two meetings of this year**

Committee discussed what work should be our focus for the remaining two meetings of the year. Ideas generated:

- Start planning for 2015 Earth Day
- Have one or more casual get-togethers in the summer (i.e. pizza party)
- Organize a pints for a cause fundraiser at Ninkasi
- Bus passes for employees
- Sustainable purchasing
- Reenergize the green office certification program.

# ←350 EUG

We're excited to announce the 350.org Fossil Free Campaign's new project: Wednesday Web Workshops, which will happen on the first Wednesday of every month, starting on May 7th.

Where: First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive Street, Eugene, OR

When: 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm, followed by a short Q & A session

How can fossil fuel divestment help get us where we need to go? What are the intersections with larger climate and social justice movements? What are the financial arguments for divestment? And how in the world do we get started on our own campaign? Each month, Fossil Free campaign staff & special guests will dive into strategies, arguments, and crucial skills.

The first Web Workshop will be on May 7th and explore the divestment "theory of change." That's wonky campaigner speech for "how does this thing we're doing make the change we want to see in the world." That's a question they get a lot at Fossil Free, and we're excited to explore it with all of you. Will you join us?

On hand will also be Lenny Dee, from 350PDX, to share the latest about the Oregon Climate Declaration (petition), which calls on governance at every level to divest from fossil fuels and enact carbon pricing to fight climate change.

Check out the facebook event page here :

<https://www.facebook.com/events/539139266198511/>

