

Sustainability Committee
Wednesday, October 8, 2014, Building 16, Room 226

Notes

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Darlene Colborn, Facilities Management and Planning
- Jennifer Hayward, Institute for Sustainable Practices
- Brian Kelly, College Services
- Jim Lindly, Small Business Development Center
- Pamela McGilvray, Disability Resources
- Michael O’Neal, Conference and Culinary Services
- Claudia Owen, Science
- Art Peck, Math
- Margaret Robertson, Advanced Technology
- Anna Scott, Institute for Sustainable Practices
- Mike Sims, Institute for Sustainable Practices
- Wendy Simmons, Wellness
- Rosie Sweetman, Institute for Sustainable Practices
- Becky Thill, Institute for Sustainable Practices
- Kathy Thomas, Grants Office
- Clive Wanstall, Conference and Culinary Services

Attendees introduced themselves and shared something they did over the summer and something they are inspired to do this year.

2. Updates and Announcements:

- *Climate Action Plan Board Update on June 11:* Brian explained that he presented the Board of Education with an update on implementation of the Climate Action Plan last spring. Brian plans to do update every year to keep the Plan on the Board’s radar screen. The presentation was positively received.
- *Faculty Interest Group:* Claudia noted that, last spring, the Committee began discussing forming a Faculty Interest Group (FIG) to work on developing sustainability professional development for instructors. Claudia would like to implement this FIG this year. She asked attendees to let her know if they are interested in participating and/or leading the FIG.
- *Institute for Sustainable Practices on Facebook:* Jennifer asked attendees to “Like” the Institute for Sustainable Practices on Facebook. She noted that she will be asking the Committee for ideas of things to post on the page. Please feel free to send her suggestions as you think of them.
- *SEED Award:* Brian reported that Lane has won a Green Genome Award from the Sustainability Education and Economic Development Center (SEED) of the American Association for Community Colleges (AACC)! Five community colleges won this year in the categories of Community Engagement, Governance, Program Design and Delivery, Strategic Partnerships, and Overall. Lane won in the Governance category. The award will be presented to Lane in January at the AACC Workforce Development Institute along with \$7500 and \$5000 in tools.
- *Turn it Off – Saving Energy Saves Everything:* Anna mentioned that she is rolling out a promotional campaign called “Turn it Off – Saving Energy Saves Everything.” She showed the Committee two posters from the campaign.
- *350EUG:* Art reported that there is a 350EUG meet-up tonight at the First United Methodist Church (1376 Olive St.) at 7:00 pm. He encouraged Committee members to attend.
- *Foodservices Sustainability Update:* Michael reported that he wants to include more food grown on campus in Foodservices. He has been discussing with the Learning Garden and Grounds

Maintenance staff ways to replace some of the ornamental plants around campus with fruits and vegetables. One of the new food stations in the remodeled cafeteria will be a 100% raw food outlet. Michael's goal is to have 50% of the food sold at that outlet be grown on campus within 5 years and 100% within 10 years. Michael additionally reported that Foodservices has been funneling leftover food to needy students through the food pantry.

- *Green Fitness Facilities:* Wendy briefly described an article on green fitness facilities. The article includes information about things like grid-tied elliptical machines and even simpler options like retrofitting exer-cycles to power a battery. Wendy will send the article to Jennifer for distribution to the Committee.
- *Surplus Property:* Becky noted that there are lots of furnishings available in the Building 10 surplus property warehouse. The furnishings include tables and chairs from the library.

3. 2015-2020 Strategic Directions

Brian explained that Lane's current strategic directions expire in June 2015. This year the college will be considering what the Strategic Directions should be for 2015-2020. President Spilde will be hosting a series of campus conversations and Brian will be hosting a series of community conversations to get feedback from a wide array of stakeholders. The results of all of these discussions will be funneled to the College Council who is charged with making the recommendation for the 2015-2020 Strategic Directions. Brian proposed that the Sustainability Committee pro-actively begin to develop sustainability strategic direction language for 2015-2020. Attendees agreed that they would like to work on developing sustainability strategic direction language including possibly devote one whole and/or several partial meetings to the topic.

4. AASHE – October 26-28 in Portland

Jennifer noted that the annual Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) conference will be held later this month in Portland. Several Committee members are attending. Jennifer, Brian, Claudia, and President Spilde will be attending an all day workshop during the conference called, "Executive Education for Disruptive Sustainability," during which attendees will look at how we can transform long-standing organizational identity, culture, and processes such that new levels of change, innovation, and agility become possible. Jennifer and Claudia asked the Committee to provide ideas for things that Lane's team should work on during the workshop. Margaret requested that the Lane team consider scenario planning during the workshop. Committee members are requested to e-mail Jennifer additional ideas.

5. EcoChallenge

Jennifer reported that she and Claudia learned about the EcoChallenge in September and felt that it would be a good way to implement the "21-day" habit change project that the Committee identified last year. Jennifer asked Committee members to sign up for the Challenge and promote the challenge to co-workers and students. We are competing in with Portland Community College and they currently have more points. Jennifer noted that if the Committee feels like the Challenge goes well this year, we can try to roll it out in a bigger way for next year. Rosie noted that there is an EcoChallenge kick-off party on Friday, October 10th from 1:00 – 3:00 in the Learning Garden at which there will be information about the Challenge and snacks made from Learning Garden produce. Wendy said that if we let her know earlier next year, she can include it in her Wellness promotional materials. More information and instructions for signing up can be found here: <https://www.lanec.edu/sustainability/ecochallenge-2014>.

6. Other Business: Michael O'Neal asked if there is a shared internet space in which Sustainability Committee members can share resources. He noted that he has some good resources he'd like to share from a recent conference. Jennifer will look into platforms on which the Committee can share information.