

Sustainability Committee
Wednesday, February 11, Building 16, Room 219

Notes

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Jennifer Hayward, Institute for Sustainable Practices
- Brian Kelly, College Services
- Jim Lindly, Small Business Development Center
- Claudia Owen, Science
- Russ Pierson, Facilities Management and Planning
- Margaret Robertson, Advanced Technology
- Wendy Simmons, Wellness
- Kathy Thomas, Grants Office

2. Updates and Announcements:

- *Reconnecting with Nature learning community:* Jennifer announced that Clif Trolin requested that the Sustainability Committee help promote the spring term learning community, *Reconnecting with Nature*, that includes the classes: Global Ecology; Environmental Politics; and Nature, Religion, and Ecology.
- *Report from Transportation Networker/Communicator/Activist Team:* Wendy reported that she, Claudia, and Mike Sims met recently to review Lane's transportation offerings, regional plans, and options for communication and outreach. Wendy's report included:
 - Bike Lane started in winter 2015. The college currently has 50 bikes in the Bike Lane program on main campus. All or most bikes get checked out every term. In the three years of operation, only 6 bikes have not been returned. When a student doesn't return a bike, \$500 is charged to the student's account. Mike would like to give a presentation to the Sustainability Committee in the spring regarding Bike Lane.
 - Lane County's transportation plan includes a protected bike/pedestrian lane along 30th Ave, but this project is not prioritized or funded.
 - LTD has a plan to have an EMX bus line come to Lane's main campus, but there is no firm timeline as to when that will happen. Installing the West Eugene EMX is LTD's current priority.
- *Passivhaus Training in Portland:* Margaret reported that there is a free (by donation) training on Passivhaus in Portland on February 21 and 22, 2015. Passivhaus is a German approach to green building that dramatically reduces the need for heating and cooling. To learn more see www.earthadvantage.org.
- *Sustainability Principles and Practice Lecture:* Russ announced that Margaret will be giving a presentation related to the book that she authored, *Sustainability Principles and Practice*, on 2/19/15 at 5:30 pm at the Downtown Campus.
- *Carpool Karma:* Russ announced that LTD is currently doing a special promotion of its carpool matching service, *Drive Less. Connect*. The promotion is called "Carpool Karma." If you create a *Drive Less Connect* account and log carpool trips between February 1 and May 1, you will be eligible for great prizes. <http://www.drivelessconnect.com/carpool-karma>

3. Health Fair Debrief: What went well? What could be improved for next time?

- It was fun
- The brochure was well received
- Had opportunity to talk to a lot of people about tips for staying warm without turning up the heat.

4. AASHE 2015 – presentation/poster ideas

Jennifer reported that the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education conference will be happening in October 2015 in Minneapolis, MN. Presentation and poster proposals are due February 23, 2015 (it has since been moved to March 2). The committee brainstormed ideas for presentations or posters from Lane:

- Margaret and Russ are planning to submit a proposal about how the language of transcendence can be a bridge that helps to connect environmentalists and Evangelical Christians.
- SEED governance award
- Strategic Directions report
- GLOBE Environmental Science Project
- Walking Tour
- Climate work – summit, GHG inventory process improvement project, presentation to Board of Education, Climate Action Forum, etc.
- Green Office Certification
- Take Back the Tap

5. Sustainability in the 2015-16 to 2020-21 Strategic Directions

Brian explained that the committee who recently conducted the accreditation visit at Lane recommended that the college's Strategic Directions need to follow more directly from the Vision, Mission, and Core Themes. The Board of Education has indicated that it would like the college to evaluate its Core Themes before revising Strategic Directions. To that end, Dawn DeWolf will be hosting an all campus meeting on Core Themes on February 24th from 3:00 – 5:00 pm in CML 103. Brian noted that sustainability could be a core theme of the college. Sustainability Committee members are encouraged to attend this all campus meeting and to consider advocating for having sustainability be a core theme. In order to get the Committee started thinking about how sustainability might be represented as a Core Theme, Brian asked each attendee to say one word that represents sustainability at Lane to him/her. Committee responses were:

- Do
- Connectedness
- Wellness (personal and planetary)
- Transformative
- Thriving
- Revolutionary