

**Sustainability Task Force Meeting;**  
**January 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Location: Sem II A 2107**  
**3-5pm**

**2007-08 Sustainability Task Force Agenda**

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**Information/Discussion: 3:00-4:45**

**Opening:**

- **Update on hiring**
    - **What will the relationship between the Director and the STF?**
      - Task force will be involved in campus decisions
        - Task force needs to set goals
        - Director of Sustainability will co-chair the Task Force
        - Will Director do staff development? Yes!
  
  - **Develop a question for all campus Director of Sustainability Interview**
    - Student groups will be recruited to the group interview process
      - Group interview is great opportunity to ask candidate questions
    - Can candidates bring a successful project and present on it?
      - Unites social and ecological justice
      - How will you bring Sustainability to campus?
        - How will you make action start happening?
      - How will you make it visible?
      - How will you integrate students with academics?
        - Student empowerment?
    - Broader spectrum question focused on successful project-final decision.
      - 20 minutes approximately
      - Tell us about a project you have been substantially involved in which revolved around Sustainability and Social Justice
        - Define your role in the project
          - Lessons learned and what worked and what didn't?
        - How will you prioritize the campus's goals?
      - Task force will email questions to Lindsay for Task Force time with candidate
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- **Change our name to Sustainability and Justice Task Force?**
  - Most people don't think of Justice
    - We want to raise the visibility, not taking on the same work as other groups
    - We want to avoid making this an elitist movement
    - Low income building on flood plains, for example
  - Will changing our name create more work, or just give us a cool name
  - Linking these two terms is commonly occurring

- Before changing our name, we should confer with other groups
- Some feel that sustainability is complicated enough without including justice
  - Raising parking fees may not incorporate justice
- Some feel it may cause distortion and deter people who don't identify with the group
- The group may need to include a higher diversity group
  - We don't want to exclude people
  - If we are concerned enough about justice, we can't just change our name, we have to walk the walk
  - When we consider parking and any changes on campus, we are including justice
- Will us changing our name allow our President to move forward in the world and support us
- We need to do a better job of demonstrating our efforts toward justice
- We will come back to this
- Our successful models demonstrate collaboration, any competition that gets included only undercuts our goal and movement
  - Really, truly successful sustainable schools are actively participating in non-competitive collaboration
- **Steve, Nancy, and Lindsay have a proposal for STF: Can we use the carbon inventory calculation to teach the campus about sustainability, both from an ecological and social sustainability standpoint?**
  - Legislation is arising that will mandate annual reporting
    - Carbon inventory and green collar jobs
  - Can we use the inventory to orient new students, staff and faculty
    - How can faculty include the carbon inventory?
  - We want everyone to be excited about the inventory,
    - Enables all people to be involved
  - Formulate a phrase that allows people who don't understand what a carbon inventory encompasses to see how its related to every day practices
  - Connect carbon inventory to how we are spending our money
    - Food purchasing
      - Connection to community
      - Visuals to where products come from
      - Get the educational value of Sem II present
  - Will S&J take the carbon inventory back to the group and discuss?
- **Summer Institute**
  - Curricular development around carbon assessment
    - Could this be written up as a proposal?
      - Directly linked to on campus and in the broader community
      - Something students could take into the community

### **5 minute updates.....**

1. **Lin-Can the STF sit in on your S & J cohort next week (Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>, week 3)**

- No meeting next week, we will address attending the cohort after a meeting is scheduled
- 2. **Get grounded on what we are going to do for the next six months?**
  - **What do we want to accomplish before summer?**
    - i. Next meeting
- 3. **Rich-can you explain what an ESCO is?**
  - We will have to address next time, we ran out of time!
- 4. **Sharon Goodman-can we get an update on RAD?**
  - We will have to get update next time, we ran out of time!
- 5. **Lindsay-update on web site and plan?**
  - **And potentially a newsletter for Spring with STF contributing an article each**
    - i. Newsletter articles from STF members due March 1<sup>st</sup>
      1. Sharon RAD
      2. Halli with food service and sustainability
      3. Victor and Commute Trip Reduction
      4. Rob and Dylan fund for innovation
      5. Rich-demonstration for solar voltaics on libraries
      6. Kathleen - Article on paper and purchasing
      7. Nancy and Steve-Director of Sustainability Hire
- 6. **Commuter Lockers-Victor**
  - No new commuter lockers will be allowed in the new part of the library
  - Two locations have been identified
    - i. Was ok'd by area managers, but not space scheduling
  - Someone will approach space scheduling to find a way to get the lockers inside, to avoid rusting
    - i. We are not worried about aesthetics, we want sustainability, even if it ain't pretty
- 7. **Focus the Nation update?**
  - How can each of us support Focus the Nation?
    - i. They need help
      1. Bodies to usher, point the way, just make yourself available
      2. Chelsie Papiez would be contact person for this
  - Food update
    - i. **All food will be from within 150 miles of campus**
      1. Salt, pepper, oil, vinegar and pork will be coming from outside the 150 mile radius
  - We want to demonstrate and advertise how difficult locating and acquiring local food can be, especially in light of the recent events in Lewis County.
  - Lunch will be \$7.75, and donation jars will be available for supporting flood affected communities
  - Commuter event will be giving away free prizes, coffee and cider from 7-9 am

**Wrap-up: 4:45-5:00 pm**

- **Build next week's agenda?**

- i. **Talk more about changing our name, we agreed to talk more about it in the future**
- ii. **Talk more about how to engage the entire campus and community in the carbon inventory**
- iii. **Getting grounded on what we are going to do for the remainder of the academic year**
- iv. **Rich and ESCO definition and update**
- v. **Sharon Goodman update on RAD**
- vi. **How can the Task Force mentor, orient and educate the new Director of Sustainability?**

**Sustainability Task Force Goals for 2007-08:**

- **Create a robust campus communication/education plan**
- **Establishing sustainability goals, targets and methods.**
- **Work to create curriculum to 'resource' sustainability goal movement**
- **Work to create a comprehensive sustainability fund/endowment**
- **Work to make ourselves 'visible' to our external communities**