

Sustainability Task Force  
Meeting Minutes  
November 14, 2007  
3:00-5:00 pm  
Sem II – A 2107 and A 1107

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

- Opening: Quick announcements (Faculty Retreat Update)
- Review last week's meeting with the Interagency Sustainability Committee and Governor Gregoire's Sustainability Coordinator
- Form an action plan in response to the State Interagency Sustainability Committee
- Discuss how to engage the campus by increasing intersections
- Focus our action plan for the year, by defining and assigning bodies of work

Attendees: Rich Davis, Steve Trotter, Kathleen Haskett, Nancy Parkes, Lindsay Wright, Rob Cole, Martha Rosemeyer, Karen Gaul, Susie Seip

**Discussion:**

**1. Announcements:**

- Kathleen Haskett communicated with Kristi at USFW regarding paper usage and purchases, discovered that both Evergreen and Washington State Fish and Wildlife were very similar in usage amounts
  - David Quigg, supplier of 100% recycled paper, he will be coming and we will be able to communicate with him regarding how to reduce paper usage
  - We like buying local products that support sustainability
  - Washington State Fish & Wildlife has been able to do some "myth busting" by demonstrating that 100 percent recycled paper can work in printers—and isn't "dirty" as many fear.
- Karen Gaul discussed the summer Sustainability Institute and its connection to the Curriculum for the Bioregion summer planning, encouraging an Evergreen curricular development piece that will bring in faculty from across the curriculum (bringing in new players, particularly from Tacoma and the Reservation-based program)
  - Team effort proposal/application needs to be put together, for a retreat in July, which culminates into a idea that gets worked on and carried back to the school
  - Pull people in from several areas, possibly at the Sustainability and Justice Cohort meeting just held at the faculty retreat
  - Deadline is in February so Karen needs help as quickly as possible. She is willing to write the proposal

**State Agency Interagency Sustainability Committee meeting:**

**Action plan in response to Interagency Sustainability Committee meeting**

- Academic programs, training opportunities, public leadership possibilities

- Trying to find an appropriate balance in order to move both dimensions forward
- What are we capable of following through with?
- This is a new effort for the State Agencies, and their coordination is in progress
- We can develop a form, and best case descriptions of what we have done well for other agencies, maybe provide models that can aid in their process
- One idea is a graduate fair situation that brings people together, like Higher Education Day, and use it to interact with them and bring forward problem solving, and integrated projects we have done
- A form that asks the right questions, in an easy format to answer
- Susie Seip created a student position for Evergreens' commute reduction task because it isn't possible for someone already responsible for a full load of tasks to take on another arduous task
- How to convert Evergreen's power sources over to cleaner energy
  - Largest single source is energy
    - Buying green tags is offsetting our carbon emissions, and we are developing clean energy in our country
  - Goal is to reduce fossil fuel use
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> largest source is transportation
    - 17% fossil fuels used in food transportation
  - How do we determine estimates for embedded energy?
    - Can we capture data for discovering direct and indirect energy usage?

## **2. How to improve campus engagement and increasing intersections**

- Sustainability brochure rough draft will be out after Thanksgiving
- How can operations and academics interact????
  - What could we be doing to support operations and academics in their sustainability efforts?

## **3. Action plan for the year: Defining and assigning bodies of work**

- Bodies of Work.....
  - Application for summer institute, Karen Gaul will write it up
  - Connections, being in touch with students, and student organizations
    - Leadership training for student group leaders?
  - Karen Gaul and Lindsay Wright will connect with student groups whom are assimilating on Mondays at 3:30 in the CAB upstairs
  - Martha Rosemeyer and Rob Cole will work with freshmen, and meet with Halli Winstead and work on food transportation footprint
  - Focus the Nation is end of January, and the Governor's Executive Report comes out in February and we want to bridge our continuing work on climate change with the state agency sustainability efforts through providing bodies of students to fulfill agency needs

- Nancy Parkes will continue with completion of the initial brochure; conversations with directors underneath the vice president level to find out what divisions need to do sustainability work (such as research by academic programs) and will continue writing and coordinating additional pieces for the website and Education for Sustainability Fund
- Evergreen needs to perform the carbon inventory annually, being a leader in facilitating sustainability efforts such as these
  - Work with Clean Energy Committee
  - Internal research with offsets, options to reduce use of natural gas
  - To work on transportation issues, we need to evaluate what data we don't have, what don't we know?
  - Campus vehicles need to be included, campus stores and fleets, supply deliveries
  - How to make transportation easier from Shelton and outer lying areas
- Fund for innovation grant regarding food transportation issues
  - Who would Martha turn to for guidance in infrastructure issues, warehouse options
    - Involve Alumni and John MacLain
- Campus Stores and green purchasing processes
  - Let's not reinvent the wheel and discover what other institutions are doing
    - 510 Interiors want to connect with campus regarding supplies to Evergreen
      - Interested in Forestry Stewardship efforts
    - Invoke a green purchasing policy on campus spending
- Rich Davis suggests revisit our goals and ensure they are in line with where we are heading
  - Also working with Paul Smith and ESCO on conservation projects
  - Economics don't jive with sustainability efforts
    - What are best practices? How do we get people to reduce use?
  - What are we doing to reduce fossil fuels, this must be 1<sup>st</sup> goal?
  - Rich want to work with Martha and Rob on carbon inventory to help making decisions on reducing carbon use
  - How about replacing Evergreen boilers? It was suggested shutting them off in summer and using biodiesel in the winter
  - Also lets post some issues on waste
- Single stream recycling
  - Very small percentage of carbon footprint
- Susie Seip report
  - New CTR report defines what state agency task are

- Moving forward in replacing our vehicles that use large amounts of gas
- Adding electric plug-ins, cost and sources
- Question, Brazil, all cars has sensors that can run either regular gas, biodiesel or electric....how did they do this?
- Can transportations funding solutions be brought into larger conversations, addressing an anticipated loss of funding?

**Wrap-Up 4:45 – 5:00 pm**

- Build next week's agenda?
  - Need to continue covering the Appendix at end of college plan
  - Update STF on FTN activities until the event occurs
  - Report on Sustainability Director search and processes