

Sustainability Task Force Meeting
February 20th
Location: Sem II A 2107
3-5pm

2007-08 Sustainability Task Force Agenda

Information/Discussion: 3:00-4:45

Present: Rich Davis, Karen Gaul, Kathleen Haskett, Steve Trotter, Lindsay Wright, Elisa Otter, Sarah Reisen, Lin Nelson, Nancy Parkes, and Martha Rosemeyer.

Absent: Rob Cole, Jean MacGregor, Susie Seip, Halli Winsted, and Victor Sanders

❖ Open-Announcements

- **Team success in active sustainability consists of people whose meetings:**
 - Are actively chaired by upper administration from their school
 - Team's report directly to administration
 - Team's monitor progress against a policy
 - Progress is widely communicated
 - Team's include people from maintenance, grounds, purchasing, marketing, press office, academic planning, career services, deans, and student body leaders
- **Kathleen Haskett-General Use Paper Purchasing Policy and Procedures**
 - Evergreen has focused on computer labs
 - We now used 100% recycled paper from Grays Harbor Paper
 - Grays Harbor is the greenest paper manufacturing plant in U.S.
 - Evergreen's paper purchasing group agreed to buy 100% recycled paper whenever possible-this is now the standard for campus use
 - ◆ The cost will be higher
 - But changes in habits will make up for the difference
 - Senior administrations views have been changed because of John Pumilio's thesis
 - The Task Force is being asked to approve this Paper Purchasing Policy
 - ◆ The Sustainability Task Force suggests the goal to be reducing consumption to offset the additional cost
 - ◆ Departments are already supporting this with their own increased costs
 - ◆ There was supporting consensus
- **WashPirg students, Elisa Otter, and Sarah Reisen**
 - Friday at 4pm and Tuesday 8 pm, CAB Solarium Room, starting next week (Feb 25-29th)
 - This week there is a Green Jobs press conference downtown, 12-1pm on the Capital steps
 - How do we increase intersections?
 - WashPirg group has goals:
 - ◆ Which are to have No Liquefied Natural Gas, Coal, and Biodiesel plants

- ◆ Green Jobs legislative movement
- ◆ Greener housing on campus
- ◆ More co-ops in Olympia
- ◆ How do we green up our campus
 - Leaf blowers
 - Cleaning products
 - Aramark
- ◆ Fossil Fools Day-direct action day on fossil fuels
 - Coal plant in Centralia
 - Bank of America ATM's off campus because they are big funders of coal plants
- There is a parallel framework between the Sustainability Task Force and WashPirg/Sustainability Coalition, with a larger group that comes together, and smaller sub-groups doing these separate entities of work
 - ◆ Lets get all these sustainability groups together in the same place at the same time
 - **March 7th at 5pm at the Organic Farmhouse – Potluck- Come one Come ALL!**

❖ **Institutional and Sustainability Task Force Priorities**

- **How does Evergreen Reduce its Carbon Emissions?**
 - Air Travel, commuter miles, electricity
 - John's thesis recommends at least purchasing offsets until we deal with these issues
 - We must establish a baseline and pay for the impact until then
 - Internal transfer-Energy savings-recapture funds and re-allocate into other equity and justice, or other campus effort
 - ◆ Keeping it internal makes it more visible and allows it to be a campus teaching tool
 - This shows we are good stewards of taxpayer money
 - Where do the savings go now?
 - They fall to whomever the expenditure base receives the savings from
 - Perhaps Evergreen should develop its own cap and trade mission
 - Should we ask Peter Dorman to come talk to the Task Force about our options?
 - ◆ Cap and trade is one option, but cap and auction allows the price to emit-right then and there
 - The trade doesn't work, because it allows people to keep emitting
 - Being attentive to our principles while being attentive to our budgets
 - Transportation-how many vans do we need? Can we convert to buses? Etc. What internal changes can we make?
 - Alternatives to Natural Gas is biofuel right now, which isn't much better
 - Can we set room temperatures to a standard level across the board?
 - There is so much opportunity to be leaders and model how to use this as a campus wide teaching tool
- **Goal-Carbon Neutrality by 2020**
 - How many numbers of years left? We can't wait for 2020 to come about-we need to start now, divide up the number of years, and get going.....

- Pumilio's thesis doesn't tackle food-2% of Evergreen's food is local and organic
 - John used cool-air, clean planet, which ignored this, leaving a huge gap
- ❖ **Legislative Request for Evergreen Sustainability**
 - **What are the Sustainability Task Force Budget requests for 09/11 biennia?**
 - **Focus the Nation**
 - How will Focus the Nation occur five times bigger, next year with this limited funding?
 - ◆ If we want a climate movement to continue, we need funding and a framework
 - Coordinators -
 - Task Force
 - Focus the Nation
 - Indicators
 - Communication
 - Energy
 - Transportation
 - Food
 - Social
 - Visuals/Values
 - Academic Programs
 - How about faculty release time with a contract to take on one of these areas?
 - Or to provide student leadership training, attend conferences, present at conferences
 - How do we fill this need? Fellows, faculty release time?
- ❖ **More on AASHE Stars next week**

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

- What action items did we agree to?
 - To have a campus-wide sustainability meeting March 7th at the Farm House, 5-7pm, and talk sustainability and increase intersections
 - Ask Peter Dorman to teach us about cap and auction and other option alternatives to carbon offsets and cap and trade
- Build next week's agenda?
 - Board of Governors power point that Nancy, Steve and Jean presented
 - Let's talk about how to fund these fellow positions, faculty release time, etc.
 - Look at program offerings for Spring
 - ◆ How can your students help in these needed areas?

Sustainability Task Force Goals for 2007-2008:

- **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**