

Sustainability Task Force Meeting

March 12, 2008

Location: Sem II A 2107

3-5pm

2007-08 Sustainability Task Force Meeting Minutes

Information/Discussion: 3:00-4:45

Information

1. Review of last meetings minutes
2. We discussed the meeting time. Some folks would like to negotiate a new meeting time to better accommodate faculty. The task force agrees that we can change the time, but the time must stay consistent and not be changed unless it is an emergency. We will address this when John Pumilio begins.
3. Halli update: she is rolling out a Green Thread Program, an Aramark Program. It must be clarified that Aramark monitors her time. So, STF requests for Halli's work must be made through Craig Ward. Also, Halli would like to re-define her definition of "local", Charlie's produce does source from Mexico. So the greenery does source some non-local foods. STF could request from Craig Ward that Aramark's carbon footprint be calculated.
4. Bringing to light the whole issue of Sustainability, it is our business. We feel our role is to teach the community by actively teaching and participating in Sustainable business practice. The school purchases green tags, this is subsidizing the building of new wind power generators.
5. It has been suggested that we focus on one area for a set amount of time, finish a task, and move on.
6. Martha-Potluck update-Great! And our first step in initiating a conversation, food was a great idea. Let's do this once per quarter and keep the dialogue going. Groups should bring posters of their future projects and plan together, to increase collaboration. Next time let's do this in the longhouse with tables set up. It is a good idea to do updates by group. One to two weeks prior a communication list should be sent out so participants can plan and create visuals to bring. We will plan and assign tasks before the event.
7. Draft Institutional and Task Force Sustainability Priorities List- Retreat, March 21st- all STF folks are going to send their comments directly to Jean MacGregor. Let's go back to the Master Plan and look at what we agreed to do and the dates. We should pick the one due next and start working on it.
8. Rob Cole and Laurie Meeker entered a proposal for a faculty/staff institute focused on Sustainability and Justice in the curriculum.

Wrap-up

- What decisions/actions did we make today?
- Next week's agenda-
 - Structure for a Sustainability Service Center?
 - Do we want to do this?
- We will not meet next Wednesday-Retreat is March 21st noon to five, awaiting final details
- Lindsay Emailing STF about getting comments about the priorities list (email comments to Jean MacGregor)

Facilitator: Nancy Parkes

Faculty, staff and students present: Rich Davis, Rob Cole, Martha Rosemeyer, Kathleen Haskett, Halli Winsted, Victor Sanders, Nancy Parkes, Lindsay Wright.