

Sustainability Task Force Meeting

March 5th

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 week's meetings minutes

2. Additions to the agenda

Waste –Halli Winstead-Silver Springs

3. Announcements

Rob Cole-Laurie Meeker are planning a retreat on Sustainability and Justice, possibly about Centralia area on flooding and social justice. This is only if they think it would be useful to have a faculty institute about this. A proposal is required, and Rob is asking that others contribute to this proposal.

Halli Winstead went to food alliance, and found there is no food alliance in Washington State, and we desperately need one.

Victor Sanders brought a new sign "Share the Ride", with the website

www.evergreen.edu/rideshare available for students to register and increase carpooling.

Karen Gaul and Rich Davis met with Paul Smith and others about Karen's visibility piece, and look forward to meeting and working with them in the future.

Victor Sanders-communication outlets and signage availability

Elisa Otter-Fossil Fools Day April 1st, students are organizing this event to communicate Bank of America's participation in Coal plant production. BOA pays campus to have the atm on campus and encourages student accounts. Student goal is to increase awareness of BOA's connection to Coal plants. Whitman, Centralia and other colleges are participating in Fossil Fools Day. There is a new plant proposed in Walla Walla, April 3rd the student group will approach the plant approving committee, communicating the negative impacts on the coal plant building.

Rich Davis-facilities are processing grants for chillers on campus. PSE is giving us an incentive for purchasing one and retrofitting another. Facilities are trying to purchase electric vehicles with other incentive money.

4. Draft Institutional and Task Force Sustainability Priorities List

Goal a. Cross campus outreach with Vice Presidents and Directors-have priorities

- Steve Cherrell
- Is zero waste possible? Who is doing zero waste and what is it?
 - We must define the scope first
 - Can we change the goal wordage to include "revise" with define in our goal statement
 - Recycled waste is still waste
 - Do we need to buy it in the first place?
 - We must define what kind of zero waste we are shooting for
 - University of Florida-look at what they are doing
 - Walmart is claiming zero waste
 - Let's make our own definition of what we can obtain

- The Director of Sustainability will be a huge component of increasing campus communication with Vice Presidents and other Directors
- Let's set in stone exactly what we are going to do, and establish timelines to the tasks
- The items we are selling on campus needs to be addressed before we can attempt zero waste, what waste are we bringing on campus
- Government Program to help vendors and schools to reduce waste-Green and Clean,
- Focusing on items like shipping to campus will help us get to our goal
 - Could we focus on lean and clean campaign, because it leans towards reduction first
- Green Thread Program is piloted elsewhere-sustainable thread throughout
 - Green Team-students who work with purchasing and are food activists and help reduce unsustainable purchasing
 - Food and safety, energy use, waste, fair pay, and more
- The purpose of the Retreat March 21st, 12-5 pm is to focus on WHAT ARE OUR GOALS? Then, from there, go outside ourselves

Goal b. Build our Carbon umbrella theme

- We are going to discuss this later

Goal c. Working with community partner institutions and Mike Harbour of Intercity Transit to focusing on workforce/student transportation habits

- Vanpool options
 - STF is willing to take this on regardless of whether faculty are on board or not
 - Could we encourage the institute goal to include transportation issues
 - How do we create a substantial leadership role in addressing transportation
 - Let's take on this county to address these issues
 - Get the local decision makers together and involved (Thurston County Regional Planning)

Aside: Should the summer institute focus on Transportation this year?

- Fee increase is coming, so now is a good time to start talking community wide about transportation issues.

Goal d. Plan spring and summer events with our campus community to ensure that Focus the Nation is a movement rather than a single event

- We will discuss this later

Goal e. Engage the Geoduck Student Union and the Clean Energy Committee to clarify purposes and roles to further promote to original concepts of the student initiative

- We must link Clean Energy Committee and GSU to the Task Force
 - Work towards developing a master plan of developments
 - There is no overarching plan
 - Someone has just been commissioned to evaluate our energy use
 - Could we be increased to include and expand these subcommittees to include all of them
 - Ask the Clean Energy Committee to clarify their purpose
 - Some changes have happened since they got started
 - Could they allocate the funds towards other things besides what they are currently funding?
 - Perhaps let the students decide what other ideas these funds could go to

- It is suggested that the funds could be used to retrofit dorms and other housing, and be used to reduce energy consumption
- 5. Waste-Halli Winstead and Kaitlyn Taylor-
 - We are considering switching to Silver Springs for our waste (compost)
 - Currently, some waste goes to Reed farm on Boston Harbor Rd.
 - Andy Reed is operating this farm, is into waste recovery processes, using food scraps to feed pigs
 - LeMay does not take any of our compost, and facilities does not deal with any compost
 - Sending our foodscraps to Reed Farm is unsustainable, and raises health and safety issues
 - Silver springs will be a part of LeMay, and our waste should be a part of this sustainable practice
 - Silver Springs makes compost out of it
 - Other local schools feel great about using Silver Springs

Wrap-up

- Next week's agenda-
 - Clean Canteens and get rid of water bottles on campus
 - Getting good water sources
 - Bike parking improvements on campus (Victor), especially with library renovation
 - 09/11 Biennium budget requests, what kinds of budget requests does STF want to be on there?
 - What is the next iteration
 - Faculty institutes funding
 - Food sustainability reporting issues Halli is running into, and reformat for AASHE
 - Cascade Climate Network, STF goes to faculty meetings and do presentations
 - CCN wants to be in on this and communicate what they are doing
 - Electric Charging Station on Campus (Susie Seip)

Facilitator: Lindsay Wright

Distribution:

Faculty, staff and students present: Steve Trotter, Rich Davis, Rob Cole, Halli Winstead, Kathleen Haskett, Lindsay Wright, Victor Sanders, Martha Rosemeyer, Karen Gaul, Nancy Parkes, and Sharon Goodman.