

Sustainability Task Force

Meeting Minutes

Date: 10-January-07

Time: 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Place: Sem II – B3109

Agenda: Updates/News; Presidents Climate Commitment; Focus the Nation; Community Forum; Future Meetings/Quarter Schedule.

Attendees: Nancy Parkes, Steve Trotter, Rob Cole, Rich Davis, Karen Gaul, Kathleen Haskett, Martha Henderson, Rob Knapp, Jean MacGregor, Claude Mahmood, Lin Nelson, John Pumilio, Martha Rosemeyer.

Topic 1 – Updates/News.

- **Lucid Design Group:** Michael Murray of Lucid Design Group will be visiting Evergreen on **January 29th**. Throughout the day, he will be meeting with Facilities, Computing & Communications, Housing, and members of the Sustainability Task Force. The purpose of this site inspection is to examine Evergreen's facilities to determine our capabilities for real-time resource monitoring. Members of the Task Force should take note of the date and try and be available to meet Michael in the afternoon (around 3pm) for a demonstration coupled with a question & answer session.
- **Clean Energy Committee:** the clean energy committee is up and running once again. Committee members are: Paul Smith (co-chair), Thomas Mercado (co-chair), Rob Cole (faculty), John Pumilio (coordinator), Chelsie Papiez (administrative liaison), Andy Deffobis (technology research), and Maggie Philipsborn (community outreach). Task Force faculty was reminded to inform students of the committee and encourage them to apply for grant money for new ideas on: 1) energy conservation; 2) on campus/local energy production; 3) education/communication.
- **“Sustainability at Evergreen” Brochure:** Members of the Task Force and communications working group have been actively pursuing a “Sustainability at Evergreen” brochure that will be used as an educational piece to attract students, alumni, and potential parties interested in funding our sustainability initiatives. Susan

Bustetter and Lee Hoemann have been actively assisting this group in moving this along.

Topic 2 – Presidents Climate Commitment:

- Members of the Sustainability Task Force are scheduled to meet with President Purce on Wednesday (Jan 17) at 1:30pm to invite him to become a member of the “Leadership Circle.” The Presidents Climate Commitment is seeking 15-25 presidents “who will become the public face and key supporters” of an extensive nation-wide program to achieve climate neutrality. Members of the Sustainability Task Force will strongly urge President Purce to not merely sign the Presidents Climate Commitment but to also become a member of the Leadership Circle.
- Prior to our meeting we will send an orientation memo to President Purce to prepare him for our discussion. The first draft of this memo has already been completed and we will send him the memo no later than Monday early afternoon.

Topic 3 – Community Outreach Initiative:

Discussion: It is imperative that the Task Force re-engages our community in order to communicate that: 1) our sustainability report of last year has been accepted by the VP’s and was integrated into our revised College Strategic Plan; 2) our Task Force was made into a permanent campus committee; and 3) what our new objectives are. Our original thinking was to have one informal community forum but during our brainstorming session we decided that something much more comprehensive was in order. Therefore, we have decided to meet on January 24 (Wednesday) on this sole issue and to finalize the details.

Topic 4 – “Focus the Nation” Event:

Discussion: This January 31 marks the inauguration of a one-year planning and awareness campaign that will culminate with the January 31, 2008 “Focus the Nation” event. Among other on-campus activities, the Sustainability Task Force envisions a large community event held in a prominent location that will bring our regional community together to raise awareness and discuss solutions regarding impending threats associated with global warming and climate destabilization. The Task Force is planning to raise awareness on this issue on January 31, 2007 through a number of various venues:

1. Get a verbal commitment from President Purce to publicly support this our planning for this event.
2. Attend all faculty planning unit meetings with a clipboard to gather names and solicit interest in participating in this event.
3. Write a CPJ article that is published during the prior week that raises student awareness of the issue.
4. Coordinate with WashPIRG and the ERC to see if they are planning any event.
5. Write a letter to local legislatures informing them of Evergreen's interest in coordinating activities for this day and invite their participation.
6. Informal communication in the facilities coffee lounge reminding all who enter about this day.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 14, 2007 (SEM II B3109) from 3-5pm.