

Meeting Summary

Sustainability Council

Monday, June 23, 2008

Presidents Conference Room

Attendees: Sharon Goodman, Nancy Parkes, John Pumilio, Paul Smith, Todd Sprague, Ken Tabbutt

Purpose:

- Discuss Council Mission
- Outline Council's Short-term Goals
- Discuss Working Group Core Membership

Discussion: There was no formal record keeping of the meeting. The following is a brief synopsis recalled after the meeting:

- Consensus on **Council Mission** and agreement that the Council provides active leadership for advancing sustainability at Evergreen.
- **Timeline and Goals of Council.** We agreed to schedule another meeting within the next few weeks and agreed that the Working Groups could be established by the end of the summer and begin formally meeting at the start of fall quarter.
- **Working Group Membership.** Each group should be co-chaired by one faculty and one staff member. Each group should have a core of dedicated individuals who invite ad-hoc members as necessary.
 - **Clean Energy Systems:**
 - Rob Cole (co-chair)
 - Rich Davis (co-chair)
 - Mike Drennon
 - Clean Energy Committee Member
 - Graduate Fellow Coordinator (funded from PSE grant)
 - Resource Conservation Manager (funded from PSE grant)
 - **Sustainable Food Practices:**
 - Sharon Goodman (co-chair)
 - Martha Rosemeyer (co-chair)
 - Halli Winstead
 - Jake Mixon (Geoduck Union Representative)
 - Flaming Eggplant Representative (currently Dan)
 - **Alternative Transportation:**
 - Steve Trotter (co-chair)
 - Karen Gaul (co-chair)
 - Susie Seip
 - Victor Sanders (CTR Transportation Coordinator and Geoduck Union Rep)
 - Sherry Parsons
 - Graduate Fellow Coordinator
 - **Waste Reduction:**
 - Kathleen Haskett (co-chair)
 - Steve Scheuerell (co-chair)
 - Mark Kormondy
 - Aaron Powell (?)
 - Geoduck Union Representative
 - Graduate Fellow Coordinator (?)

- **Working Group Criteria.** Members of the Sustainability Council agreed that a set of common criteria and objectives is necessary to maintain some level of continuity behind all sustainable planning. Every working group should consider the following when planning:
 - Whole systems thinking: cradle-to-grave or cradle-to-cradle analysis.
 - Financial implications/impacts: return on investment, payback periods, social inequities, fundraising opportunities, budget cycles and realities, etc.
 - Academic planning and curricular development: encouraging academic involvement is critical in meeting the college's educational mission and in advancing the practice of sustainability.
 - Social benefits: decision-making should be framed from a social justice and equity perspective.
 - Communications: storytelling and effective information sharing.
 - Employee education and curricular implications
 - College community outreach: be inclusive; invite campus-wide perspectives and feedback.
 - Greenhouse gas emissions: factor in carbon emissions during the decision-making and communication/education process.
 - Ease of implementation (low-hanging fruit): go for early successes and consider human resource and financial investments when priority setting.
 - Connect to existing infrastructure: collaborate with others working on similar agendas/initiatives (i.e. student groups, DTF's, academic programs, committees, etc.)
 - Foster community connections and partnerships.
 - Establish sustainability indicators and baseline data.
- Sustainability Council is represented at initial meetings of working groups in order to articulate the rationale behind the criteria, help with goal setting and planning, and build partnerships.
- Working Groups should begin by defining: 1) mission, 2) identifying short-term goals, 3) identifying long-term goals. Initial planning can be built off previous work.

Unresolved/Unfinished Business:

- Review of Geoduck Union representation criteria.
- Equity and Justice: separate group or represented on each Working Group? This discussion was unresolved and will need to be continued at a future meeting.
- Communication and Fundraising: discussion regarding the necessity of having a separate dedicated group. This discussion will also need to be continued at a future meeting.
- Regular Meeting Schedule

Next Steps:

- Council introduces idea of adding "purchasing" to Waste Reduction Working Group title. Perhaps a new title reads: Waste Reduction & Sustainable Purchasing Policies.
- John talks with Aaron Powell regarding membership on Waste Reduction group.
- Once meeting minutes and criteria are approved, reach out to working group co-chairs encouraging them to begin their planning thinking about a meeting schedule.