

Sustainability Committee

September 22, 2010 at the ICSR

Meeting Minutes

1. Attendance/ Cup giveaway during introductions

- David Baskett
- Tammi Beach
- Joey Coe
- Dale Dyer
- Greg Fear
- Nancy Givens
- Robin Hume
- Colton Jessie
- Cristin Lanham
- John Osborne
- Mark Pendley
- Eric Reed
- Helen Siewers
- Meredith Tooley
- Matt Vaughan
- Terry Wilson
- Sharmila Pradhan

2. Announcements

- Celine Cousteau
- Calendar of October Events
- Reduce Your Use update from David Baskett, HRL, including dashboard site and offset opportunities

3. Review Priorities

- Incorporating sustainability into curriculum – Nancy Givens
 - Review of faculty retreat at Barren River State Park
 - Good attendance and feedback
 - All 6 colleges and 2 extended campuses in attendance
 - “interdisciplinary emphasis on sustainability”
 - New Provost, so delay in adoption of the EFS
 - Highlight of ICSR – not an academic department
 - University College creation for interdisciplinary studies
 - Portal is almost ready to launch (perpetually)
 - FIPSE Grant submission for seed money on initiatives
- Stormwater Management Plan, Sharmila Pradhan
 - USEPA – Municipal S4 designation requires 5 minimum control measures

- April – approved by JO/ submitted to EPA
- Plan for public education and outreach needs to be a focus
- Website will be created for education and reporting, and on-line survey to gauge levels of awareness (articles also to local media, stops on green tour, presence at Earth Day celebration)
- Public Involvement (education, survey, reporting, etc.)
- Illicit discharge protection (attention to regulations for outfalls that are 36" diameter pipes, of which we have none on campus)
- Construction site stormwater runoff controls (year 2 activities)
- EHS – all team members can upload reports to new database for annual report (student group activities should be included)
- Post construction stormwater control (BMPs)
- Pollution prevention and good housekeeping (i.e. pressure washing of buildings, after games, etc.)
- Sharmila is drafting a campus policy as companion and asks for input (aka "Safe Practices Manual")
- WKU Green Fund was launched in 2009, Nancy Givens
 - Grounds, academics, engagement
 - Matt Vaughan presents ideas for charitable gift contributions to green fund (ie, rain barrel, compost cone, bike, tree, a green tour sign, etc. – Eric Reed has examples of green online gift-giving to use as reference)
 - David Baskett suggests a table to sell said gifts at Homecoming, alumni open houses, orientation and admissions
 - Nancy to send SGA proposal to Colton regarding student green fee implementation
- Green Tour update
 - Wku.edu/CEES; see projects, esp. Hole in the Ground
- Meredith – Aramark update
 - Coffee, espresso, tea at Java City is fair trade, rainforest alliance certified
- Cristin – Purchasing Policy Update
 - IT already uses EPEAT assessment tool
 - Recycled content in office max list of products
 - Post Consumer recycled – means product was used before it was recycled – always preferable, higher % is better
 - 30% Post Consumer recycled content is state law
- Tree campus USA certification update, Cristin
 - Membership needed for Tree Care Committee – Colton, Matt, Joey, and Meredith volunteer
 - Tree Care Management Plan is being constructed
 - JO insists on provision of a draft that demonstrates widespread participation and input

- “Nutrition Facts” signs at trees – good idea
- Old Business
 - JO – WKU Acknowledged as a leader in sustainability in KY, and Princeton Review
 - Capital Planning and Advisory Board – legislates energy conservation and natural resource management (Charlie Jones, Dale Dyer, CRD, GAR, JO)
 - ESPC – over 50% completion \$1 million in annual savings projected in energy conservation alone
 - Steam Plant upgrade for additional gas boiler – 2 old coal fired boilers will remain intact and be used only in transitional phases and in case of emergency
 - College of Ed
 - December move in
 - One year LEED documentation process
 - Terry Wilson suggests working with Sam Evans to develop a plan to educate the users of the new building
- New Business
 - Tammi Beach suggests elimination of print version of the telephone directory. She suggest implementation of a survey to judge how many folks still use the print version, and she suggests research into the print version’s purpose (does advertising money pay for publications student workers?)