31 March 2011

Sustainability Committee Meeting

ATTENDEES:

Matt Vaughn Robin Hume

Terry Wilson Cristin Lanham

Christian Ryan-Downing Amy Satterfield

Lesley Heck Tammi Beach

Mark Pendley David Baskett

Dale Dyer Jennifer Tougas

John Osborne Meredith Tooley

# WKU Sustainability Committee, second term

# Nominations

# Two Students

* + - 1. to be nominated by Colton Jessie
		1. Faculty
			1. want representation from across campus
			2. nominate faculty to replace John All
			3. need more faculty
				1. Education for Sustainability Steering Committee alliance
			4. Create faculty co-chair
		2. Staff
			1. Another person from staff council to take Tammi Beach’s place
			2. David Baskett to replace Brian Kuster
			3. request official membership for Meredith Tooley
		3. Josh Twardowski will take Greg Fear’s seat on the sustainability committee as the campus grounds manager
	1. Good/strengths of Sustainability Committee
		1. coffee
		2. in-progress print reduction
		3. energy policy
		4. representatives from a variety of backgrounds
		5. task force structure
		6. green fund/ green gifts
		7. green tour
		8. Tree Campus USA
	2. Could be better/ weaknesses
		1. members who do not show
		2. need support from provost’s office
		3. positive recognition from important people on campus
		4. need more well defined “missions” with measurable goals --create a delineated list for 2011-2012 year
1. [One Planet Day / Earth Day](http://www.oneplanetday.org) (April 22) --This year our theme is “One Planet Day” ([One Planet Living](http://www.oneplanetvision.org/one-planet-living/) is a vision of a sustainable world where people lead healthy, happy lives within their fair share of the earth’s resources). The One Planet Living framework focuses on ten areas that comprehensively address the environmental, social and economic aspects of sustainability.

1 Zero Carbon                                                   6 Sustainable Water

2 Zero Waste                                                    7 Land Use and Wildlife

3 Sustainable Transport                               8 Culture and Heritage

4 Sustainable Materials                                9 Equity and Local Economy

5 Local and Sustainable Food                    10 Health and Happiness

* 1. How people are participating
		1. Matt Vaughn -- Punch cards for participants to have punched as they do something for each of the 10 principles. They can enter in a raffle that will be held at the International Night
		2. Meredith Tooley-
			1. reusable to-go container pilot program in Fresh Foods
			2. increase number and amount of Fair Trade products/options on campus
			3. local foods at Fresh for Earth Day
			4. reduce plastic bag usage -- collecting baseline data now
			5. Solar Smoothies
			6. sustainable product/food sampling day
		3. Jennifer Tougas
			1. Go BG offering free rides
			2. dump the pump theme
		4. Mark Pendley -- Environmental Health and Safety -- Radon Education
		5. Terry Wilson -- Rainbarrel Workshop (April 16)
			1. Pepsi rep coming to workshop
			2. Other cities interested in having their own workshop (Scottsville & Elizabethtown)
		6. Christian Ryan-Downing & Cristin Lanham
			1. Garbology Dumpster audit
			2. Recycled Material Content Fashion Show
			3. Photo Contest
			4. Vegetable plant sale through “Growing Sustainably” class
			5. Planting in the herb garden
			6. Tree Campus USA speech and flag raising
			7. Poetry Slam (Office of Diversity hosting) April 21
			8. and much much more!
1. UPDATES
* President’s Award for Sustainability – approved by Dr. Ransdell and ready to announce
* President Service Award and Sustainability Award to be presented together --Deadline extended to end of Spring 2011 semester (Nomination form attached to email)
* AASHE STARS – nearly complete – preliminary ‘bronze’ rating for WKU.
* *Education for Sustainability* gateway website is LIVE and looking great!
* Natural gas boiler #2 is here, allowing WKU to heat completely with natural gas (goodbye coal!)
* Building Dashboard – [www.buildingdashboard.net/wku](http://www.buildingdashboard.net/wku) - we now have 19 academic and administrative buildings on dashboard.
* Tree Campus USA –Cristin will go to Frankfort to accept award from Mrs. Beshear.
* WKU is the 4th Fair Trade University in the United States! Please support the resolution in your areas by requesting Fair Trade for catered events and in campus dining and purchasing whenever possible. (attached to email)
* Green Tour – seven signs ready for development.
* April events: Novella Carpenter – April 13th.
* Education for Sustainability Summer Institute

 --designed for preK-16

--July 21-22

* Recycling going single stream in buildings April 4, 2011
* Air quality has significantly improved at WKU per Mark Pendley