

Sustainability Council

2/27/12

11:00 a.m.

Present: Sarah Hallinan, Steve Wilke, James Mastrangelo, Trenton Williams, Allyson Moon, Elise Blas, Rick Cowlshaw, Shea Wilson, Sidney Nelson

Absent: Sara Weinert

Introduction of members

- Council will meet twice each semester.

New website created: www.sckans.edu/other/college-sustainability-council

- Climate Action Plan
- Minutes from meetings
- Projects: proposed, in progress and completed

Sustainability Map

A map used by Beloit College inspired the creation of a college sustainability map. SC's basic campus map will be used. Places will be numbered and the key will be on the back of the map. The numbered places will highlight 17-18 different things on campus that have to do with sustainability. Examples include the wind turbine, minor in sustainability, low flow shower heads, carpet in library, etc. Once the draft is completed, Steve will email it to the council for review. He hopes to have the final draft available in the fall to be used for campus tours.

Rick Cowlshaw wants a display for field station next to Green Team's display in Beech.

Trenton asked if PS could have some Green Team posters. Steve will send some to him.

Green Team Update

Recyclemania is going on now. The Green Team plans to do another Dorm Wars competition. There is a waste audit going on today. The results will show what kind of things are thrown away on campus. Earth Week is coming up. SC is getting a second wind turbine. It will be set up near the new maintenance building.

Energy Wars - energy meters have been installed in all buildings to track energy used. A couple of the meters aren't working correctly so Energy Wars will be postponed until fixed. The meters will track energy usage and peak times.

Sustainability Minor

It's hard to track the number of students in the sustainability minor because some haven't completed paperwork to officially declare it. Students are taking the intro to sustainability course and asking about taking more classes. The minor was designed with all majors in mind. It is made up of courses from various departments.

Discussion

How to help campus (students, faculty and staff) understand reasons to pursue sustainability efforts. Answering the "why's".

- Add "why" to the first year experience class
 - o How it connects to each major
 - Business major – saving money
 - Science – better for environment
 - o Introduce the What-ifs
 - What if we continued using resources
 - Oil spills, earthquake activities
 - Long lasting consequences
 - o Currently aren't paying true costs for how we live our lives
 - Costs will eventually need to be paid
 - o How you affect the world around you
 - New phone every 6 months
 - Where does old phone go
 - Where did new phone come from
- Cartoons, quotes
- Economic angle
 - o Cheaper to be sustainable

Proposed speaker series

Green Team had a series a couple years ago and only Green Team members went. Steve proposed having a speaker go to certain classes. Possibility - one sustainability course each semester could host a speaker. Find alumni who would sponsor a series of speakers, similar to Docking Lecture series. Winfield Friends of the Environment has reunited. See if they would sponsor speaker series? Send Steve ideas for speakers.

AASHE Conference – Let Rick know if interested in attending

Fieldtrip to Drury College may be a possibility. Add to agenda for next meeting.

Creation Care Conference February 28-29