

Advisory Council on Sustainability notes; April 20, 2011

Present: Tom Schellhardt, Jim Walters, Eric O'Brien, Gloria Gibson, Jan Hanish, Joel Haack, Bill Calhoun, Beth Bruns

- The April 20, 2011 Sustainability Council meeting was called to order by Tom Schellhardt at 11:04 a.m.
- Beth Bruns was welcomed as a new member of the Sustainability Council. Beth was introduced to the other members of the Council. Tom Schellhardt also provided background regarding the purpose of the council and its relationship to the other sustainability related groups on campus.
- Minutes from the March 9, 2011 meeting were approved with no changes.
- Jim reported on the 5/5/11 Energy Conservation Committee (ECC) meeting.
  - The name change to the Sustainability Action Committee (SAC) was approved by the former ECC.
  - A number of membership changes have occurred in the last few months. These should be coming to an end prior to next fall.
  - Three subcommittees (working groups) have been formed. These committees have all met at least once. Some of the working groups will continue to meet throughout the school year, while others will only meet during the academic year. The working groups are focused on the following topics:
    - Energy and Climate
    - Transportation
    - Materials and Recycling
- Eric gave the Sustainability Office's report focusing on the following items:
  - Sustainability Forum and Earth Day
    - These items are scheduled to occur on 4/20/11
    - It is likely that RRTTC will make the call this afternoon that they will hold the Earth Day event outside, no matter the weather.
    - If they are outside, the Forum will be in Ballrooms A and B. If they stay inside, the Forum will be in Ballroom C.
    - Eric showed the overall presentation that will be displayed at the Sustainability Forum. Some comments related to content were suggested by the Council.
    - CARE Award recipients were recently notified and will be in attendance or have representation at the event to receive the awards.
  - EPA Interns
    - Recently two interns attended the Power Shift conference in Washington D.C. At this event, they had the opportunity to have ~45 minutes of private audience with EPA Administrator, Lisa Jackson.
    - Their on-campus work was also highlighted at the conference.
    - Interns recently completed the annual WasteWise application and the PESP application. The PESP application won a bronze award from the EPA. Jan suggested we need to promote this.

- Pilot energy Project
  - Eric presented information regarding a pilot project that two offices were going to try in the upcoming months on “Smart Strips”.
- STARS
  - Tom presented the STARS award, which recently arrived.
  - The group discussed options for the best place to display the material
  - Eric will follow up related to displaying the award along with other sustainability materials in Maucker Union over the course of the summer.
- Next scheduled meeting of the Sustainability Council is Wednesday, May 18, 2011, in Lang 122m from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.
- The meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.