

Advisory Council on Sustainability notes; December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Present: Tom Schellhardt, Jim Walters, Emma Hashman, Eric O'Brien, Terry Hogan, Bill Calhoun, Mike Licari, Rebecca Schultz, Joel Haack

- The meeting began at 11:00.
- Minutes for October 2010 were approved with a correction to one date and clarification.
- Tom offered the floor to Rebecca, who announced that she will be leaving the Council due to accepting a new position within the College of Business. All members thanked her for her dedication and service to the Council and UNI. It was pointed out that there is a need to fill Rebecca's seat on the committee.
- Jim offered a brief review of the Energy Conservations Committee's recent meeting. This focused on:
  - Eric's STARS presentation at the last meeting.
  - A group of MBA students attended a recent meeting and were looking at ways to help the committee.
  - Addressed the future of the group, indicating that the group feels it should continue in a similar function and may focus on 6-8 topical areas.
- Eric gave the Sustainability Officer's report focusing on the following items:
  - STARS
    - As of 12/15, 96 of 135 survey areas had been completed, Provisional Score 38.86
    - Estimated the final score exceeding 50 points, with a Silver rating.
    - Indicated that by extending our deadline by 6 months with no penalty, we would be able to include a full inventory. The Council agreed that this would be a good strategy.
  - Other Reporting
    - Princeton Review – UNI is going to be included in their next publication of green schools. Minor corrections to their publication were suggested.
    - Green Report Card – UNI was not included due to size of endowment. We can request to be included next year.
  - Sustainability Forum
    - Recently held the first planning session. The committee would like to see a somewhat interactive format with audience participation.
  - EPA Region 7 onCampus ecoAmbassador is a UNI student. She represents all institutions in this EPA Region.
  - Indicated that potential branding efforts may be undertaken by the MBA class mentioned by Jim.

- Joel indicated that there has been a definite movement in curriculum ranging from support of the faculty group working on integrating sustainability into more courses to support of a minor or certificate program.
- Terry suggested that we may want to consider convening a small group of members from the Energy Conservation Committee and Sustainability Council get together as duties of that committee evolve to ensure that everyone is on the same page.
- Next scheduled meeting of the Sustainability Council is Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011, in Lang 122m from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- The meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.