

## Sustainability Council meeting notes; March 12, 2009

Present: Jim Walters, Rebecca Schultze, Joel Haack, Jim Lubker, Terry Hogan, Bill Calhoun, Tom Schellhardt, Jan Hanish

- Notes from the February meeting were approved.
- Jim Lubker asked about the classroom scheduling recommendations that were to come from Phil. Jan will check with Phil on where that information is.
- Campus Conversation on Sustainability: Information was distributed to the Council. Jim will provide it to the Deans and encourage representatives from all colleges to attend. Registration is online and now available at the website: [www.uni.edu/energy](http://www.uni.edu/energy).
- Update from Jim Walters regarding Energy committee activities:
  - The website (UNI C.A.R.E) is under revision. The site is now listed as [www.uni.edu/energy](http://www.uni.edu/energy) and is in the A-Z listing on the homepage under energy. The Council indicated that this site is designed such that it can and should be the central site for sustainability on the campus. We would like to add Sustainability Council minutes to that site, as well as energy committee minutes. We also suggested adding material regarding academics. The BOR report (to be approved at the March meeting) can also be added after it is approved. Bill Calhoun suggested publicizing the UNI C.A.R.E. site so the campus is more aware of it. This will be mentioned at the Campus Conversation meeting. Rebecca will work with Marty about website additions.
  - The engagement committee met with Price lab school.
  - Committee members met with Phil to give him input on perspectives relative to energy and sustainability that he could add to his document on classroom scheduling.
  - There is a pilot project on recycling being done in Rider Hall.
- Tom shared the Board of Regents report on sustainability that will be presented in March. There are a number of items that will affect us regarding our planning and measurement. If this is approved, it will be placed on our website.
- Tom reported that the consultants hired to oversee the Green House Gas study for the campus have met with a large, campus group. This group reviewed the categories that need to be evaluated and decided who will be responsible for collecting data. Information will be due to the consultants by May 1<sup>st</sup>. We hope to have a report by the end of May.
- Tom distributed a draft of the policy regarding energy efficiency. He will send a copy of this to Jim Walters so Jim can ask for comments from his committee. Committee discussed the draft. Tom asked that any comments or concerns be forwarded to him. He recognizes that this is a draft, but we have to start somewhere in trying to manage energy use and consumption.
- Sustainability Council submitted an application for a Coop intern for next year to help manage information and communication. No response has been received as of this meeting.
- Tom reported that the University has purchased 3 electric vehicles for delivery use on campus. Though it is still early, reports are promising in that they do not have to charge the batteries as often as they anticipated, and those using the vehicles are pleased with their performance.

- Terry reported that Student Affairs directors are discussing how each unit fits in with sustainability initiatives. He is very hopeful that some of what they decide can have meaningful results for the campus.
- Tom suggested that at the next meeting one of the major agenda items should be a discussion of how the University can identify leadership for the sustainability efforts. There are a number of models out there, and a number of UNI people who have great credentials to lead this effort. The questions would be how we would go about developing this role on campus, selecting leadership, etc.
- Joel indicated that a wind energy course will now be offered. He also said that they are working on listing themes for some of the capstone classes. He suspects that more information regarding classes/academics may come from the campus conversation meeting.
- Meeting adjourned at noon.

**NEXT MEETING: SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup> AT 11:00 IN LANG 122.**