

## Sustainability council meeting minutes; April 15, 2010

Present: Gloria Gibson, Joel Haack, Terry Hogan, Pat Geadelmann, Jim Walters, Bill Calhoun, Tom Schellhardt, Jan Hanish, Eric O'Brien, Rebecca Schultze

- Minutes of the March 2010 meeting were approved.
- Tom welcomed and introduced Eric O'Brien, UNI's first university sustainability coordinator. Eric has a temporary office in CEEE 111A. Facilities is evaluating the CEEE for a permanent space.
- The UNI home page now has a permanent "Sustainability" link to [www.uni.edu/energy](http://www.uni.edu/energy).
- President Allen has said he's sign the letter to Sen. Harkin discussed last month. Pat was going to follow up and see whether it's something the university should support.
- Jim provided an update on the April Energy Conservation Committee meeting. Committee watched PSA's produced by the RRTTC. Jenny Bruss had wanted some guidance on how to get them in front of campus and community (TV spots, athletic events, etc.). Tom recommended she visit with Jim O'Connor about spots available through agreement with CFU and getting them on electronic display boards across campus. Tom will invite her to show the council the PSAs during next month's meeting. Jim reported that Cathy Zeman has a student compiling recycling information from other campuses, which will be incorporated into the proposal for expanding the Rider Recycling Revolution project. It was suggested that Eric review the proposal before the next council meeting. Jim brought up a concern expressed by Steve Moon regarding people shutting off lights in order to conserve energy. This presents a safety concern in some areas. No one has directed that people do this. Tom will follow up with the Physical Plant and Steve Moon.
- Jim includes the council when sending out the Energy Conservation Committee minutes. He told the council that if they have any questions about the minutes, they can contact him right away.
- Rebecca provided an update on the 2010 Sustainability Forum planning on April 22. The planning committee has been meeting weekly, and Rick Seeley has been working with the University of Wisconsin-Madison staff to coordinate technology for the keynote.
- Tom has received RSVPs to the forum from the director of the Iowa DNR, a NRCS staff member, and local legislators.
- Rebecca shared drafts of the panels for the Sustainability table top display. Pat recommended giving Academics more prominence and adding information. Rebecca will make changes and send the draft back to the committee for a final review.
- The sustainability reports originally to be presented to the Board of Regents at the April meeting will be presented in June. Tom passed out drafts, and said there was now time for edits. Terry suggested moving the Rider recycling project information from "Purchasing" to "Material & Recycling." Eric was going to provide Tom with some ideas for clarification, expansion and additions. Gloria expressed some concern about the Board's condensation of UNI's academic report.
- Tom is developing Eric's orientation schedule. Let Tom know of any groups or individuals Eric should meet with in his first couple of months.
- In a discussion about sustainability at UNI, Pat said there needs to be a greater focus on quantifiable outcomes. Reduction of UNI's carbon footprint also will become a larger

component. Tom said there is exploration for wind energy through some grant funding. Gloria said that sustainability is incorporated into the new strategic plan.

- Eric said at a recent conference there was a vast different in opinion regarding what sustainability is, what it should be and his role. On a positive note, of the 12 student poster presentation, 6 were from UNI.
- Meeting adjourned: 4 p.m.