

Sustainability council meeting notes; August 7, 2009

Present: Gloria Gibson, Rebecca Schultze, Jim Walters, Jake Rudy, Tom Schellhardt, Terry Hogan, Jan Hanish

- Minutes of the July, 2009 meeting were approved.
- Committee discussed the Sustainability Coordinator position. Tom provided a draft of a job description that was patterned after some information from the Univ. of Iowa (where position reports to the Advisory Council). The committee discussed whether the position should be a regular, probationary P&S position, term or interim (as was discussed last month). After lengthy discussion it was decided that we should recommend that this position be posted for a regular search for a P&S position. Tom will put this on the Cabinet meeting for discussion as to long term funding. He will also talk with HR regarding next steps. He would like input ASAP on minimum qualifications for the position. He will revise the job description accordingly.
- The Energy Conservation Mission statement (as submitted by Jim) was discussed and approved. The statement is: To promote sustainability at the University of Northern Iowa through reducing carbon emissions, conserving energy, engaging and educating the university community to establish responsible lifelong behaviors, and promoting the general public interest.
- Tom shared the first draft of the GHG audit. Please review and share any reactions or lingering questions you have with him.
- There is a group working to submit a grant proposal to the Iowa Power Fund for wind turbine (Sabin), solar collectors for parking deck and WRC, library lighting and Maucker retrofits.
- AASHE conference is Sept. 20-23. Jim will talk with people on the energy committee to see who might be interested. He will forward names to Tom. Rebecca will ask if the student intern would like to go and Jake will find an NISG representative. The conference is co-sponsored with Ball State and will be in Indianapolis. Tom said that the sustainability account can fund two staff/faculty and two students. If others are interested, we could discuss further.
- Jan mentioned the idea to merge the concept of sustainability/resources with the education round table that is tentatively being planned with the visit of HH Dalai Lama. Committee was supportive of this idea and a small group should be put together to discuss further.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:40am
- **NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 AT 1:30 IN LANG 122**