

## Sustainability council meeting minutes; March 3, 2010

Present: Terry Hogan, Pat Geadelmann, Sara Stolz, Rebecca Schultze, Jake Rudy, Jim Walters, Bill Calhoun, Tom Schellhardt, Jan Hanish

- Minutes of the February 2010 meeting were approved with one correction for spelling error.
- There will be 2-3 students going to Des Moines to participate in the student sustainability round table. Rebecca/Sara are working on a display that they will hopefully be able to take with them.
- Search update: There were 4 candidates to campus for interviews. At this time the committee is finishing up on reference checks and will provide summary information to Gloria and Tom for a final decision.
- Tom indicated the city of Cedar Falls had inquired about perhaps sharing ¼ of that position (and funding that portion) and asked for council input. With this being such a new position with much organizing and coordinating to do here on campus, the council felt this might be too much to undertake at this time. Perhaps in the future, some collaboration/partnership could be further investigated. Suggestions about graduate assistantships and student positions were made.
- Jim provided an update on the March energy committee meeting. Committee discussed the C.A.R.E. website, update on planning for the sustainability forum, and the March 28<sup>th</sup> Des Moines meeting for students. He also indicated that Cathy Zeman (and others) will be developing a proposal for a long term plan for recycling in the residence halls. Tom indicated he will ask Cathy to come to the Council to review how the project worked and explain the scope. He hopes to have her attend the April meeting.
- Council asked that once the C.A.R.E. website was complete that it have a link off the UNI Homepage (such as Diversity Matters). This was given to Rebecca to take forward on behalf of the Council.
- Jake will contact students to see if they would like to remain on the energy conservation committee and will communicate that info to Jim.
- Council reviewed the possibility to be involved in ratings by Sierra Club magazine. At this time we felt we needed more information on their rating system, etc. so we could consider it for next year.
- Tom asked about Council input on whether the president should sign off on a letter to Sen. Harkin requesting support for \$25m appropriation for curriculum development/faculty education. At this time Pat will do further review and provide more information to Tom/President Allen.
- Sustainability Forum: keynote will be presented via technology. Committee will be meeting with Rick Seeley and with keynote speaker to determine technology needs, etc. The forum will consist of opening remarks by Pres. Allen, then Provost Gibson/Joel Haack with comments on curriculum, followed by 4 key programs: Rider Hall recycling (student program), Panther Pick up (outreach), Sabin Hall (facilities) and Wind/Solar classes (academics).
- Tom will be gathering information for the annual Board of Regents report (meeting April 29<sup>th</sup>) on the nine areas previously identified. Each institution will provide a full written report but

sustainability personnel will give a joint report/power point. Pat suggested that we need to be strong on data. Two programs we should remember to highlight are Rider recycling and Panther Pick up because they have significant information on changes and progress.

- Suggestion was made to recognize a student at the Sustainability Forum. Rebecca will follow up on this. Jan will provide info on the AASHE recognition to Cathy Zeman.
- Meeting adjourned: 9:30am