

## Sustainability Council meeting notes; May 13, 2009

Present: Jim Lubker, Bill Calhoun, Jim Walters, Jan Hanish, Terry Hogan, Tom Schellhardt

- Minutes of the April meeting were approved.
- Council had a lengthy discussion on the Campus Conversation Executive Summary that was submitted by Jack Yates. There were several main items the Council considered. The major topic was how to approach the need for a person to serve as a “Sustainability Coordinator” for the campus. There is a recognition that a lot is being done but that it is difficult to coordinate efforts, to provide comprehensive information to campus, and to make sure that we are not missing opportunities. The Council agreed that someone to serve in that role is very important. And there was recognition as to how this need must be evaluated against other important needs as well as with the state of the budget in mind.
- At this time, the Council decided to explore the use of ARRA stimulus funds to potentially cover the cost of the position in the first year, with the expectation that anticipated cost savings in energy conservation could cover costs in succeeding years. This needs further investigation.
- In the meantime, Jim Walters will email the Energy Conservation Committee to ask their input on skills, qualifications, and areas of responsibility for a potential job description. Tom, Jim W. and Jan will meet after that information comes in to draft a job description and the Council will re-visit this topic at the June meeting.
- The question of a campus wide recycling program was also discussed. This was another major recommendation from the campus conversation report. This topic will need to be discussed further at the June meeting.
- Suggestion was made to look at developing a long range PR plan to continually inform the campus of actions and changes relative to sustainability. Much has already been done that we should do a better job of sharing campus wide. Suggestion was made that Rebecca (working with the intern) could develop some of these items for next fall.
- Jim W. indicated that the C.A.R.E. website is still under revision. Marty has a student working on it all summer. We still need to get more information relative to curriculum/academics before the site is live campus wide.
- Meeting adjourned 11:55am
- NEXT MEETING: Tom will consult schedules for the next Council meeting. Please check your emails for time, date, location.