

Sustainability council meeting

December 17, 2009

Present: Jim Lubker, Joel Haack, Rebecca Schultze, Tom Schellhardt, Terry Hogan, Pat Geadelmann, Jan Hanish

- Tom announced that Facilities Services has offered a candidate the energy engineer position. He has several offers and will let the search chair know of his decision after the first of the year.
- Peterson Survey on Sustainability has been completed and submitted.
- Jim had provided information on UW – Madison program on sustainability. Tom asked Morris Mikkelsen to follow up with Farmarz Vakili to see if he might be interested in visiting UNI and sharing his ideas /perspective. Morris indicated that he is very willing to come to campus and serve as a consultant to us. We will need to follow up on when might be best to invite him.
- President Allen provided a brief sustainability update at the December Board of Regents meeting (previously emailed to the Council). He gave an update on planned activities such as the town hall meeting, participation in the national teach-in day, and various initiatives by departments. (Tom emailed a copy of his comments to the council). He ended his remarks by indicating he thought UNI was uniquely positioned to play a role in advancing the topic of sustainability in PK-12, via our Education and CEEE outreach. Council thought this was something that should be further explored. Tom will meet with Kamyar and discuss this, among other items on the role CEEE can play in the sustainability work.
- Joel mentioned that Bill Stigliani is back from his professional development leave and would be a good resource to tap.
- There is another report due to the Regents (with data/measurements) in February. This report will concentrate on the 4 areas the institutions are working on: transportation, utilities, procurement and outreach/education. Jim indicated the Provosts had agreed to write the portion on outreach/education.
- Jan provided an overview of the Town Hall meeting. Terry will be sending a “save the date” notice for the Diversity town hall meeting. He suggested that the two notices be sent at once. Jan will contact Jack Yates and make sure he gets the information to Rebecca right away.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:20pm