

SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

10:00 AM, May 7, 2013, Carrington 203

- **Approval of Minutes from April 2 meeting-unanimously approved.**

Members in attendance:

Lauren Bansbach	Tina McManus	Tammy Jahnke, Co-Chair
Bill Cheek	Matt Morris	Ken McClure, Co-Chair
Jennifer Cox	Paige Oxendine	
Thomas Lane	David Schneider	
Nicki Donnelson	Joe Pitts	
Janice Greene	David Vaughan	
Tony Hein	Evan Clark	
Mike Kromrey	Teresa Frederick	
Tom Radomski	Cara Shaefer	
Barbara Lucks	Brad Kielhofner	

Reports from subcommittees –

Energy Subcommittee – Jen Cox, Chair-handout provided.

- Met on April 26th with focus on education initiatives. In anticipation of support of the Energy Dashboard by the Sustainability Commission, which was approved on May 1, 2013, the subcommittee discussed ways to increase awareness of energy conservation and usage in conjunction with the Dashboard implementation in the Fall semester.
- Implementation of Green Teams, a campus-wide, inter-departmental competition or system of rating an office area which will encompass all aspects of sustainability. Good models include Harvard and Carnegie Mellon who measure everything from office energy savings to commuting and travel commitments. Sought support from the Sustainability Advisory Committee to proceed in sending a teaser email about Green Teams to the campus prior to the end of the semester and to further look at a proposal for an incentive.
- October is Energy Awareness month. We plan to program around this month with kicking off the Green Teams and an Energy Management video competition to engage students in energy awareness and update the energy conservation video that is currently being used in new employee orientation and on the Energy Management website.
- Campus Conservation Nationals 2014 – we would like to compete in this competition amongst universities, the largest nationwide electricity and water reduction competition on college and university campuses. We will begin work on this in the Fall to be ready for the Spring competition.
- Researching benchmark institutions for education initiatives and potential incentive programs.
- Compiling a list of MSU energy education projects, energy improvement projects, and potential water conservation projects.
- Working on a proposal to promote an Energy Star certified appliance/equipment purchasing policy. May include Water Sense products too. Will be working with Procurement and Residence Life and then will bring back to the Sustainability Advisory Committee.

- Proposing energy conservation tips handouts, tailored to specific jobs on campus and to students.

Benchmark Subcommittee – David Vaughan, Chair-Sustainability handout and Power Point presentation provided and emailed.

Goal Watching Subcommittee – Bill Cheek, Chair. Handout provided and emailed.

Proposal for Full-Time Sustainability Coordinator at MSU – Lauren Bansbach, Matt Morris, Teresa Frederick-handout provided, Lauren provided overview of proposed position.

- Mike Kromrey noted City of Springfield's process for implementing this position, and the importance of giving responsibility for the sustainability area to a designated staff position as it has been an effective resource for the city.
- The funding for this position is yet to be determined.
- Lauren suggested use of one time funds to implement the position on a trial basis for short term suggested 2 years, then review for continuation of the position. This would be in addition to the GA position, not to replace it. Ideally the two would work in coordination to manage sustainability for the university.

➤ **Janice Greene made formal motion to support proposal/second by David Schneider-unanimously approved by committee.**

- **Goals (including action items) for 2013-2014 (appoint a subcommittee to meet over the summer to write draft to present at first meeting in fall with the goal to have these adopted by the committee by October 1)**—
- Discussion took place as to best course for summer subcommittee, how to determine actions regarding the Beyond Coal initiatives in particular.
- What are long term goals 5 -10 years from now for MSU?

➤ **Summer committee interest-Lauren Bansbach, Evan Clark, David Schneider, Barbara Lucks, Janice Greene, Nicki Donnelson, Jen Cox, Teresa Frederick, Matt Morris and Kara Andres. Dean Jahnke will coordinate meetings.**

Share of list of funding sources for big projects-Dean Jahnke noted this will be sent as an attachment with the minutes.

AASHE Conference – October 6-9, 2013-See information in separate attachment.

- Four abstracts submitted
- May 10 – Deadline to apply for AASHE Sustainability Awards.

News from around the room-

Lauren Bansbach-The SGA Sustainability Committee has had all three final proposals passed through the Commission:

- LED lighting in Lot 4
- Electricity-generating stationary bikes in the FRC
- The energy dashboard proposal
- The Senate approved resolutions in support of the energy dashboard and the summer / evening class building consolidations to save energy.

- The SGA Director of Sustainability for 2013-2014 will be Max Wagner. Thanks to all for a great four years!

Teresa Frederick-

- During Green Games we had 204 students participate in various events, had 95 student rooms green certified, and recycled a total of 102, 411.50 pounds of material.
- We have invited all Missouri State Students to participate in our end of semester donation collection to benefit The Kitchen, Inc. A collection point can be found under the Blair Overhang. All useable items are accepted except exercise equipment and chemicals (pest control chemicals, etc.).
- Our departmental Green Team/Sustainability Committee had our final meeting of the academic year which included an energy presentation from Pilar Karlen.
- We will be reviewing our Student Recycling Coordinator position over the summer to make better use of the education component.

Tony Hein-See report provided in separate attachment.

Jennifer Cox-

- 4/22/12 Wall Street Journal article recognizing Missouri State as #2 in North America for reducing carbon pollution.
- Working on Implementation of Energy Dashboard to be ready for Fall semester
- We have an Energy Management App! If you would like to get the app (FREE), email Jen Cox at jencox@missouristate.edu for a link.
- The Energy Management Facebook page is in place, please 'Like' us!
- John Clark and Grounds were recognized by the Tree City USA Citizens Advisory Committee for Tree Campus USA at the City of Springfield Sustainability Awards event in April.

Barbara Lucks-

- Congratulations to MSU on receiving recognition at the recent Choose Environmental Excellence Awards and "Thank You" for sponsoring an award! The photographer's services were also appreciated!
- We continue to work on both the Community Focus Report ("Red Flags/Blue Ribbons") and the Environmental Report Card (a project of the Community Partnership of the Ozarks Environmental Collaborative).
- A public "brainstorming session" showcasing our proposed Greenhouse Project at the Springfield Sanitary Landfill, powered by waste heat from the Noble Hill Alternative Energy Center will be held on May 8. Several MSU staff members are invited and plan to attend.
- We will be hosting workshops for teachers in July at the Environmental Resource Center to introduce our new Air Quality educational materials ahead of the in-school roll-out in the Fall.
- Ozone Season is underway. KOLR-10 will be carrying the readings/levels on their 5:00, 6:00 and 10:00 p.m. newscasts.

Next meeting

August 6, 2013

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