

MEETING MINUTES
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY
March 5, 2013

Present

Lauren Bansbach	Brad Kielhofner
William Cheek	Mike Kromrey
Evan Clark	Barbara Lucks
Jennifer Cox	Ken McClure
Earle Doman	Tina McManus
Nicki Donnelson	Matthew Morris
Anson Elliott	Joe Pitts
Teresa Frederick	Tom Radomski
Janice Greene	Cara Shaefer
Tamera Jahnke	David Vaughan

Tammy welcomed the committee and led introductions around the room.

REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES:

Energy Subcommittee

- Chair Jen Cox reported that the energy subcommittee met on February 22 to discuss their charge and they formed three ad hoc committees to better address the following topics: water conservation/efficiency, education, and exploration of new technologies.
- Pilar Karlen, Energy Manager, discussed the energy policy, utilities and current projects. Pilar, Krista Bassen and Shelley Netzer are working to consolidate summer courses to conserve energy by utilizing buildings better. Mike Kromrey made a motion for the sustainability committee to support this consolidation and to solicit support from the Academic Leadership Council for such efforts. Joe Pitts second on the motion. Tammy will work with the Provost and Deans on this recommendation.
- Meeting times for the energy subcommittee will be the fourth Friday of each month at 2:00PM. The next meeting is scheduled for March 22 in the Meyer Library Conference Room. Bob Eckels will be discussing the MSU energy program.

Benchmark Subcommittee

- David Vaughan reported that they discussed the charge and have decided to use all state four year institutions along with Drury and Crowder for comparison.
- Next meeting: March 22 when they will work on a draft of their report.

Goal Watching Subcommittee

- No report at this time.

NOMINATIONS FOR EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Janice Greene nominated Residential Life and will write the nomination with Jennifer Cox, Teresa Frederick and Nicki Donnelson. Nominations are due April 1.

VISIT BY DR. EBAN GOODSTEIN

Flyers for his lecture on April 2 and workshop on April 3 were distributed. Kara Andres received a Public Affairs Grant for him to visit campus and most of the Colleges sponsored the remaining costs. There is limited seating for the April 3rd workshop so Kara will need notification of who plans to attend.

SUSTAINABILITY TOPICS AND SPEAKERS FOR REGULAR NEWS OFFERINGS

Nicki and Tammy started a list of public relations contacts related to sustainability which was handed out. Nicki described that this is a good way to get the word out and tell the story about sustainability on campus. It was suggested to list student groups and their sustainability events on the website. Please send your additions/ideas to her at NickiDonnelson@MissouriState.edu

AASHE CONFERENCE

The conference is October 6-9, 2013 in Nashville, TN. Possible presentations were discussed including:

- Lauren Bansbach will work on a 15 minute briefing or poster on the student sustainability fund: how it started and what they are doing. The funding available to support programs, how savings are put back into the programs, and the financial backing.
- Evan and Jennifer and Teresa will create a 20 minute case study of the interaction between students and the university with sustainability including how students initiated the programs and the stability of the programs when students graduate.

The deadline to submit abstracts is March 21.

Assignment for next month: Review the AASHE Sustainability Awards and suggestions for nominations.

CELEBRATING SUCCESSES

Sharing around the room

Ken McClure recommended that a member from Financial Services also serve on the Energy Subcommittee and Tina McManus was selected to join.

Lauren Bansbach shared that Students for a Sustainable Future (SSF) brought 31 people to the Forward on Climate Rally in Washington, D.C., on Presidents' Day weekend (special thanks to Dr. Alexander Wait, Professor of Biology, and the Sierra Club for funding assistance) to protest the Keystone XL tar sands pipeline and to ask President Obama to move forward on strong climate legislation.

SSF will be hosting Ecopalooza all day on Friday April 12 from 10am-10pm. There will be more information out soon about bands, activities, speakers, and community businesses and organizations.

The Sustainability Committee of SGA is following up with the Phase II Hydration Stations and Campus Garden Management proposals. At least two new proposals - electricity generating stationary bikes in the Foster Recreation Center and LED lighting for Lot 19 - will be presented to the Commission after spring break.

Joe Pitts: The James River Basin Partnership is conducting a two-stage riparian restoration project on property along Wilson's Creek just north of the SW Wastewater Treatment Plant. The first stage will be completed on March 8 and 9 with a contractor planting 127 large trees along and on both sides of a nearly one mile stretch of the creek. The second will involve volunteers planting approximately 7,000 seedling trees and shrubs to provide bank stabilization and reforestation of a 100 foot wide corridor on each side of the stream. They have between 60 and 100 volunteers divided into planting teams. This project is part of a grant awarded to JRBP about five years ago from the Environmental Protection Agency through the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. JRBP has a strong partnership with the City of Springfield and the treatment plant staff are providing many hours of time to manage the project.

Mike Kromrey updated the committee about the Cause Momentum campaign that sponsors pure water – brick by brick. Anyone interested can have a name or message eternally included in the walkway of the C. W. Titus Education Facility. The Storm Water Management Task Force is considering the best ways to keep water clean and meet regulations.

Jennifer Cox announced that Missouri State received notification of recognition as a 2012 Tree Campus USA. MSU has met five core standards for sustainable campus forestry:

- Tree advisory committee
- Campus tree care plan
- Dedicated annual expenditures for campus trees
- Arbor Day observance
- Sponsorship of student service-learning projects

MSU has submitted a PRF for an Energy Audit which will provide an overall assessment of campus and a list of energy savings opportunities. MSU Facilities Department is also researching an energy dashboard which can be utilized on their website to educate the campus community on energy usage for each building.

David Vaughan stated that the Sustainability website is being updated regularly. During a sign-up session in PSU, 200 students were added to the Sustainability Facebook page. 12 student-funded outdoor recycle bins have been placed around campus. They accept bottles and cans.

Barbara Lucks shared that they are watching Senate Bill 13, which would abolish the current method of distributing MDNR Solid Waste grant funds through local Solid Waste Management Districts. They are also monitoring Senate Bill 42 which is an anti-sustainability bill.

The Greenhouse Project continues to evolve – the public meeting for interested parties is planned for some time in late April.

Anyone who is participating or staging Earth Day events, please feel free to send those news items to Barbara for inclusion in the overall Earth Day Press Release and various web postings.

April 20 will be the City-wide celebration of Earth Day and a free day will be held at the Discovery Center. Not-for-profit educational groups are encouraged to have a display with

goodies for the anticipated 1200+ children and families. If anyone is interested, they can contact Barbara Lucks.

The Annual Choose Environmental Excellence Luncheon will be held on April 19 at the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce.

Teresa Frederick reported that the residence life quarterly green e-newsletter has received good response. Green games in the residence halls continue through April 5. Residence Life reported a 7.3% energy usage reduction (\$3000) in buildings over a “Reduce Your Use” period in February and they are planning a water conservation campaign.

Matt Morris shared that sustainability topics will be discussed at the Board of Governors meeting. An energy revolving fund is being considered.

Janice Greene stated that they are getting closer to becoming state sponsors of two national environmental education programs: Project Learning Tree and Project WILD.

Cara Shaefer shared that City Utilities will be issuing a request for proposals for a utility scale solar project, which will be located in northeast Springfield at the McCartney generating station. CU is making changes to the Emergency Water Conservation Plan. The policy will incorporate “lessons learned” from last year, and will formally include a water watch and water warning.

Tony Hein will report on the carbon footprint during the next meeting.

Close

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 2, 2013 from 10:00 to 11:00am at Carrington 203.