



SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 7, 2017

MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

Matt Morris, co-chair
Tammy Jahnke, co-chair
Jordan Schanda, Sustainability Coordinator
Bill Cheek
Jennifer Cox
Olivia Rowland
Teresa Frederick
Tony Hein
Pilar Karlen
Mike Klem

Morgan Wetzel
Barbara Lucks
Cara Shaefer
David Vaughan
Bernard Kitheka
Mike Wills
Etta Madden
Paul Durham
Jerry Compton

GUESTS:

Brad Kielhofner, Director Facilities Management

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approve minutes from previous meeting (October 3, 2017):** approved at 10:04 a.m.
- B. Presentation on Energy and Sustainability at MSU – presenters Cara Shaefer, Brad Kielhofner and Jordan Schanda**
- Cara Shaefer – presentation from City Utilities
 - Brad Kielhofner – presentation on projects implemented to reduce energy consumption at MSU
 - Jordan Schanda – presentation rescheduled for December 2017 meeting
- C. Strategic Plan review**
- No further revisions, plan adopted
 - Link to plan on Sustainability website:
<https://www.missouristate.edu/assets/Sustainability/SustainabilityPlanMSUFinal.pdf>
- D. Reports from subcommittees**
- Academics – Bernard Kitheka, Chair**
 - Discussed option to display popular books on sustainability in library to raise awareness of the topic and the resources available to students.
 - Students' sustainability literacy will be assessed at entry to and exit from university
 - Brainstorming ideas to incentivize research and teaching on sustainability

- b. **Engagement** – Nicole Young, Chair (*report provided by Tony Hein*)
 - Plan to combine Eco-Reps and Green Teams programs
 - Working on scorecards, advertising, outreach, etc
- c. **Operations** – Tony Hein, Chair
 - Looking into a paper product not made from trees as an alternative to recycled paper, which can cause jamming after recycled content passes a certain amount
 - Inventory of campus fleet
- d. **Planning & Administration** – Barbara Lucks, Chair
 - Committee hadn't met but will meet before December's meeting (bulk of work occurs preparing for the May report)

E. NEWS and UPDATES from around the room!

Jordan – MSU's membership in [AASHE](#); Attended AASHE conference and focused on streamlining Eco-Reps and Green Teams to create a more efficient and effective program.

Teresa –

- Completed an energy competition during October between the residence halls. Our winning building, Woods House, saw a 16.1% reduction during the competition.
- Over 100 living units were also green certified during the competition.

Emily –

- Interviewed two of the [Ag students](#) working in Chartwells' Hydroponics Grow Room

Cara –

- Rebates on programmable thermostats: <https://www.cityutilities.net/save/thermostat/>

Barbara –

- The City's Trash and Recycling Collection Efficiency Study continues. The City continues to meet with haulers to get their input. If anyone wishes to weigh in on the issue, they are encouraged to e-mail their comments to the [City Clerk](#) and indicate that they would like their comments shared with City Council. <https://springfieldmo.gov/trashstudy>
- The annual grant call from the Ozarks Headwaters Recycling and Materials Management District "O" (formerly Solid Waste District "O") has been issued with applications being accepted from 10/1 – noon on 12/15/17. For more information: 417-868-4197 or www.Recycle417.com
- The VW Settlement implementation continues with a kick-off meeting being held in Jefferson City on 10/30/17, outlining progress to date. A similar meeting will be held on November 30 in Springfield at the Library Center beginning at 9:30 a.m. Barbara Lucks has joined the Advisory Committee. Anyone interested in applying for grant funding is encouraged to visit with her as details continue to emerge. More info and to sign up for updates: <http://dnr.mo.gov/env/apcp/vw/>
- The 2017 Community Focus Report was released to the public on 10-24. It is available at www.springfieldcommunityfocus.org and includes a chapter on our Natural Environment.

Pilar – prepping for winter; parking structure proposals submitted

Etta – online resources available:

- **Common Reader:** <https://guides.library.missouristate.edu/c.php?g=701803&p=4980009>
- **Sustainability Guide:**
<https://www.missouristate.edu/assets/Sustainability/SustainabilityPlanMSUFinal.pdf>

Paul – suggested identifying faculty doing sustainability research to raise awareness

Tony – AASHE attendance; hydroponic program interest; greenhouse project

Olivia –

- Planning a Sustainability Week in SP18 to educate students about sustainability opportunities on campus and in Springfield
- Looking for suggestions on guest speakers and event ideas for students' participation

Morgan – two proposals submitted to the commission this semester

Mike Klem –

- Thank you to SGA for the hydration stations being installed at Karls and Bond Learning Center.
- Successful Tri-State Water Coalition conference at Bond Learning Center and the New Food Conference at the Hilton Garden.
- Installation of additional water capture systems and pollinator sites at the Journagan Ranch in cooperation with the Missouri Department of Conservation.
- MSU Beekeepers Club is actively working with their hives at the Darr Ag Center

David –

- Eight new grant-funded recycling stations were installed in October; two in the Welcome Center and six in Ellis Hall.

Mike Wills –

- Reminder to specify sustainable product preferences in purchase requests – be specific (what sustainable features, certifications, etc can be searched)

F. WRAP Ups

- **Matt** – Big changes since December 2012 Board of Governors presentation; thank you for all of your work “to move the needle forward” in sustainability!
- **Tammy** – Next meeting is Tuesday, December 5; meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.