

SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE-MINUTES
October 3, 2017, 10:00AM, CARR 203

Meeting Attendees:

Matt Morris
Jordan Schanda
Bill Cheek
Brandon McCoy
Jennifer Cox
Teresa Frederick
Tony Hein
Pilar Karlen
Morgan Wetzel
Mike Kromrey
Barbara Lucks
David Vaughan
Emily Yeap
Nicole Young
Bernard Kitheka
Mike Wills
Etta Madden
Paul Durham
Jerry Compton
Brad Kielhofner

A. Approve Minutes from September 12, 2017, meeting : approved 10:02am

B. Campus Sustainability Updates – Jordan Schanda

a. October – Energy Conservation Month

- o Why DONUT You Save Energy? scavenger hunt will take place throughout the energy competition in October.

b. AASHE Conference – October 15-18 (San Antonio)

- o Jordan Schanda, Nicole Young and a student intern will attend.

c. Public Affairs Conference – April 10-12, 2018

- o Sustainability themed. Looking at opportunities to incorporate student focused programming on Friday of the conference.

d. Strategic Plan Update

- o Marketing and Communications is completing a final review. The final draft will be sent to the Committee in advance for approval at the November meeting.

C. Reports from Subcommittees

a. Academics – Bernard Kitheka (Chair)

- For the sustainability literacy assessment, a survey will be sent to freshman residents in January 2018 and then to the same cohort when they exit the University in 2021.
- Create a survey to identify what students want to see in future sustainability courses.
 - Gather information from current students involved in the sustainability minor.
- Evaluate what students are currently taking in the sustainability minor in order to identify the popular track for future focus in the program.
- Chair and Coordinator to liaise with Dr. Jahnke on the best way to identify sustainability courses, learning outcomes and research projects, and also recognize faculty work that is already happening.
- Pursue opportunities to present at the Academic Council or the Academic Administrators' Assembly.

b. Engagement – Nicole Young (Chair)

- Plan to reach out to SGA and RHA to see if they can increase the number of Eco-Reps.
 - Work to create a list of minimum requirements for Eco-Reps. For instance, each required to complete 2 programs/initiatives per semester.
- Incorporating sustainability into student and staff orientation.
 - SOAR and transfer orientation currently incorporate sustainability into their programs.
 - Commuter student orientation will add sustainability to their program starting next January.
 - Chartwells will incorporate sustainability training into their new employee orientation starting in October.
- Examining survey data taken last semester from a sample group of students.
 - What we can do to increase awareness and engagement for sustainability?
 - Plan to conduct an additional survey in the future to see any new information or trends.
- Working on a Sustainability Scorecard to chart how each building is working to support sustainability. Green teams and/or Eco-Reps would be involved in updating this information.
- Working to create a green certified employee program on campus. These employees could educate others around them on sustainability.
 - Possibly work with the USA program to incorporate sustainability into the training that is already taking place.
- Participating in public policy.
 - Chose to support the Monarch Butterfly program that is endorsed by the City of Springfield.
 - Gathering information on how to create Monarch butterfly sanctuary gardens on campus.

c. Operations – Tony Hein (Chair)

- o Reviewed the 2018 goals and chose items to focus on.
- o Planning to purchase recycling receptacles for each suite in the football stadium.
- o Recycling in the President's tent during each football game.

d. Planning and Administration – Barbara Lucks (Chair)

- o Reviewed the Strategic Plan and went over the AASHE scorecard for the benefit of new subcommittee members.

➤ **News from around the room!**

Matt Morris

- o Discussed possibility of reducing the number of SAC meetings each semester.
 - Decision was made to continue with current meeting schedule.
- o The Board of Governors meeting on October 27, 2017, will feature Sustainability as a topic of discussion.
 - The meeting begins at 1:00pm in Plaster Student Union, room 313.

Jerry Compton

- o The new Taylor Health and Wellness Center will feature hydration stations on each floor. The building utilizes materials that have a long life expectancy and are energy-efficient.

Mike Kromrey

- o Watershed Summer Gala featured a local food menu created by Chartwells.
- o Watershed Community meeting will be held on October 6, 2017, at the Watershed Center.

Pilar Karlen

- o Energy Management uses the month of October to optimize building controls in order to operate as efficiently as possible.
- o Will report for the Energy Competition over the course of the month.

Mike Wills

- o Requested that departments ask for products and services that are sustainable when working with Procurement on quotes/bids.

Bill Cheek

- o Discussed the success of the campus garden events last month.
- o Tri-State water conference will be held on October 19, 2017.

Etta Madden

- o Spoke on *All Over Creation*, a novel that is being studied by her students. The novel touches on farming practices and genetically modified produce.

Nicole Young

- o Outtakes will serve a salad featuring bib lettuce from the ZipGrow towers.

- o Will support the energy competition by keeping lights off in the large dining centers on Fridays between 1:30pm and 4:30pm during October.
- o Will provide donuts for the Why DONUT You Save Energy? scavenger hunt.

Tony Hein

- o On Friday, October 6, 2017, Chartwells will feature dinner created with local food products.

Paul Durham

- o Expressed interest in having an assessment of JVIC in regards to energy and recycling. Also interested in adding a hydration station.
 - Plan to meet with Facilities Maintenance/Pilar Karlen to work through these concerns.

Morgan Wetzel

- o The Student Government Association Sustainability Commission membership has been filled. The first meeting will be held on October 20, 2017.
- o The Student Government Sustainability Director is working on several proposals for campus.
 - Bringing native plants to campus.
 - Adding solar tables in front of Garst Dining Center or Temple Hall.

Brandon McCoy

- o A student group is evaluating whether to submit a proposal for LED lighting in Bear Park North.
- o Community Bike Share initiative is moving forward.
 - Target date for bikes to be available is March 2018.

Teresa Frederick

- o Residence Life is completing Green Room Certification.
- o Green Games will take place from 5:00pm-6:00pm at Freudenberger House on Friday, October 6, and Friday, October 20th.

Barbara Lucks

- o The VW Settlement project continues to make progress. The trust fund has been established and MDNR is now officially the receiving body for the State of Missouri. A plan will be developed for the use of the funds with opportunities for input in the near future. Ozarks Clean Air Alliance continues to monitor the progress, with the goal of serving those interested in applying for the funds by preparing one combined application.
- o The City's trash and recycling collection study continues. At this stage, they are gathering input from the service providers. Citizen input is also welcome.
- o The fall pharmaceutical collection event is scheduled for October 28, 2017.
- o Terry Whaley, Ozark Greenways, Inc., has announced his retirement set for November 11, 2017. Mary Kromrey will become the new Executive Director.

- o Rotary International has announced a goal of every club (35,000 worldwide) planting a tree between now and Earth Day 2018, in response to the concern over deforestation of the rain forests.
- o The Missouri Dept. of Conservation will be holding a series of Open Houses around the state to gather citizen comments. One is scheduled on October 10, 2017, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center.
- o The Ozarks Headwaters Recycling & Materials Management District (OHRD), formerly Solid Waste Mgt. District "O", has issued their annual grant call effective October 15, 2017. Deadline for grant applications is noon, December 15, 2017.

Bernard Kitheka

- o Discussed the Community Involvement and Service immersion trips taking place during fall break.

Jordan Schanda

- o A Leader in Community Service work study student is working on the Sustainability Blog.
 - <https://blogs.missouristate.edu/sustainability/>
- o 5 boxes of eclipse glasses have been collected and will be sent to Astronomers Without Borders. These will be distributed at the next eclipse location.

Next meeting:
November 7, 2017