

SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE-MINUTES
MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY
10:00 AM, September 6, 2016
Carrington 203

- I. Approve Minutes from May 3, 2016 meeting – Approved 10:02am**
- II. Welcome/Introductions around the room—Dean Jahnke**
- III. Campus Sustainability Updates --- Jordan Schanda**
 - a. Eco Music Festival – Saturday, September 24th**
 - b. Game Day Recycling**
 - c. Campus Sustainability Month – October**
 - ❖ **Documentary Screening**—“True Cost” film, details coming soon regarding date/time/location
 - d. Sustainability Workshops**—proposed last semester by SSF, the focus being on teaching students how to practice sustainability in their basic living habits.
 - e. Eco-Reps**—more direct education and awareness is desired, so they are ready to bring presentations to groups, classes, and organizations. Contact Jordan to arrange for a presentation in your area. A list of topics and sample presentations will be available through the Sustainability website.
- IV. Reports from Subcommittees**
 - a. Academics – Terrell Gallaway, Chair – Janice Greene provided an update in Terrell’s absence**
 - Sustainability questions considered for adding to exit exams/in process to be released. Sustainability questions will be added to the exit exam.
 - Improve how we assess incoming freshmen, for full credit on STARS accreditation possibly through GEP, SOAR. We have to do freshmen and senior assessments to get full credit on STARS. We will be looking at ways to assess freshmen, possibly through GEP or SOAR.
 - b. Engagement – Alex Johnson, Chair –Meeting September 9.** Subcommittee did not meet this summer; more to report in October.
 - c. Operations – Jen Cox, Chair –Meeting September 22.** Subcommittee did not meet this summer; more to report in October.
 - d. Planning and Administration – Barbara Lucks, Chair – Meeting September 14.** Subcommittee did not meet this summer; more to report in October.

➤ **News from around the room!**

Teresa Frederick-

- Renovated Blair bathrooms over the summer. Savings of 7,000 gallons of water per day expected.
- Shannon bathrooms will be renovated Summer 2017.

Janice Greene-

- Bull Shoals Field station updating solar energy at station to make better use of power.
- The field station hosted the 8th high school student academy this summer, students qualify to receive grants to take project back to their own communities. Great recruitment tool for MSU as well.

Mike Kromrey-

- Bull Shoals Field station/Watershed partnering for training event, 2 sessions for 25 people, in cooperation with Leopold Foundation, train to have discussions about environmental topics/ethics with a variety of groups. The event is scheduled for the 2nd weekend in November.

Jordan Schanda-

- Case study submitted to AASHE last summer which will earn us STARS points.

Andy Clubb-

- Game day recycling project goal to gather the most in weight. Big national competition. Recycling bins will be placed on game days.

Tony Hein-

- Grand opening of Burrito Bowl, Wednesday, September 7 at 2pm in the PSU.
- Zip grow towers-replanted, KY3 coming to campus to do a story on it Wednesday, September 7.
- Sustainability Commission funded a provision for a room in Kentwood for additional produce. The target is to grow a variety of herbs and specialty leaf lettuces. Over winter break and in off months, additional produce will be donated to local food pantries, shelters and other similar support services in our community.

Adam Coffman-

- Mid-term goal is to have the Sustainability Commission full, 3 spots are currently open. Candidates need to have some background and knowledge of sustainability.
- SGA renewed Zip Car program with Enterprise Rent-A-Car. Track rate is showing an increase in usage for the program.

Barbara Lucks-

- The topic of trash consolidation concerns have been in the news recently, brought forth by neighborhood groups. A consultant has been hired to assist the City in the consideration of a plan for more efficient collection of trash and recycling in the community, while still protecting the existing trash companies. A report is expected to be ready by the end of the year.

Brent Stock-

- Watershed management plan under review should be finalized soon and available.
- The Rain Barrel Rebate program was noted: the rebate is 50 cents per gallon based upon the system's capacity, with a maximum rebate of \$300 (600 gallon system).

Jen Cox-

- Facilities Management has installed occupancy sensors in Wehr Band Hall and Meyer Library and is currently working on upgrading to LED lighting in Parking lots 22 and 24, which was funded by the students.

Mike Klem-

- New sustainable water-capture and storage systems have been installed and fenced at Journagan Ranch over the summer. The on-going projects continue to increase water supply for livestock and wildlife. Fencing has been installed to keep animals out of critical areas such as creeks, glades and collared lizard habitat. Plant species that support pollinators have been planted around fenced ponds, along with native warm season grasses in many of the grazing areas.
- At the Darr Center the rooftop water collection system continues to save 29-30% of the typical water usage of the center.
- Opportunities are available for internships working with the Quapaw tribe in the areas of zinc and lead mine contamination remediation, soil science, livestock, bison, wildlife, and forage and plant science.
- The planning has started on increasing the energy efficiency of the greenhouse on the top of Karls Hall. Heat retention systems and evaporative coolers will be installed along with upgraded monitors and controls.

David Vaughan-

- Citizen Advisory Committee Tree City—asking for letter endorsement to City Council for continuance of existing tree policy/enhancement program; need by the end of October.
 - Jordan is checking to see if this could be a points qualifier with AASHE STARS rating process.
- **Matt and Tammy both noted the benefit of the Sustainability presentation that was provided through the Bears in the Know luncheon series, encouraged everyone to consider participating.**
- **Tri State Coalition meeting coming up—details for the event coming soon. Dean Jahnke encouraged everyone to consider attending the event.**

Next meeting:

October 4, 2016

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