

SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MINUTES
May 2, 2017 – 10:00, CARR 203
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Meeting Attendees:

Matt Morris
Tammy Jahnke
Jordan Schanda
Jennifer Cox
Teresa Frederick
Terrell Gallaway
Tony Hein
Cathy Jordan
Mike Klem
Thomas Lane
Barbara Lucks
Tina McManus
Emily Yeap
Brent Stock (For Tiffany Frey)
Justin Vaughn

A. Approve Minutes from April 4, 2017 meeting: approved 10:06 AM

B. Sustainability Strategic Plan Discussion

- Jordan Schanda explained how the subcommittees put together goals, strategies and timelines for each of the categories.
 - Looked at individual credits.
 - Innovation category that captures ideas not contained in the 4 other categories.
- Discussed changes and suggestions.
 - Investigate the liability issues associated with solar panel parking areas noted in sustainability vision narrative.
 - Sustainability vision narrative was added to the 1st section of plan.
 - Need to create a working document for subcommittees with more specific language.
 - Use the Strategic plan as a long range plan with more generalized goals.

- Understanding that curricular processes may alter the timeline of achieving specific date of goal.
- Determine how to monitor progress and meet benchmarks of the Strategic plan. Align with AASHE Stars.
- Decision to use the upcoming break to refine the document and to create the secondary document for subcommittees. Deadline for comments to this revision is 07/01/2017. Send comments to Jordan Schanda.

C. Reports from Subcommittees

a. Academics – Terrell Gallaway, Chair

- Met an additional time to conduct a brainstorming session. Gathered ideas for the exemplary initiatives credit.

b. Engagement – Alex Johnson, Chair (from Jordan Schanda)

- No updates

c. Operations – Jen Cox and Tony Hein, Co-Chairs

- Met to discuss exemplary initiatives credit and finalize sections of the strategic plan. Discussed next steps for the subcommittee which included focusing on goals and assessment next year.

d. Planning and Administration – Barbara Lucks, Chair

- Met to discuss exemplary initiatives credit.

D. 2017-2018 Subcommittee Membership

- a. Review membership and accept suggestions for who would be a good addition to the subcommittee. Deadline for suggestions is 07/01/2017. Submit to Jordan Schanda.
 - Recommendation to add individual from Procurement Department.
 - Recommendation to add individual from any department associated with sustainability masters program.

➤ News from around the room!

Brent Stock (For Tiffany Frey)

- Earth Day events re-scheduled to fall.
- River rescue clean up float scheduled for 06/17/2017.

Teresa

- Residence Life end of semester collections start on Friday, May 5. Donations may be dropped off at the Blair-Shannon overhang.

Barbara

- Department of Environmental Services held an open house to celebrate the completion of improvements to the Yardwaste Recycling Center.
- Local Arbor Day celebrations included awards for the City of Springfield, City Utilities of Springfield, and MSU/Drury.
- The City's wastewater treatment plants had no overflow during the recent flooding which is attributed to the increased attention and investment in the Inflow and Infiltration program.
- The consultants hired by the City to conduct a survey of the community regarding trash collection and recycling services presented those findings to City Council. Council has elected to issue a "two year's notice" which indicates the possibility of a change in the way trash and recycling is managed in Springfield.
- The Natural Environment component of the Community Focus Report has been completed.
- Ozarks Clean Air Alliance (OCAA) is working with other organizations in the state and with MDNR and USEPA to position our region to apply for the Volkswagen/EPA consent decree settlement dollars. Funds would be for projects that reduce emissions that contribute to our region's ozone production, which include diesel vehicles (trucks, school buses, private/public conveyances -- buses, shuttles), construction equipment, trash trucks, marine equipment, etc. Funds would retrofit or replace these vehicles.

Mike

- A group of agriculture students, staff and faculty traveled to Ashland, Kansas the weekend of 04/29/17 for a service learning project. The group raised \$500 to present to the local farm group.
- The same group is developing a plan for a trip to the Journagan Ranch where students will help with flood damage.

Jordan

- Recyclemania results are complete. MSU did not do as well as in previous years. Looking into data to determine if accuracy is an issue.
- Sustainability Culture Assessment is currently being conducted on student population. The assessment will be sent to staff this summer. If approved by Faculty Senate, the assessment will be sent to faculty at the same time.
- Office of Publication donated banners that are now being made into reusable bags. The campus garden will use these bags for campus garden membership this summer. The bookstore will sell the remainder of the bags.

Tony

- Chartwells partnered with Springfield Community Garden to set up a display and give away 200 tomato plants on 04/25/17.
- The Union Club offered a live juice bar on 04/26/17.
- The Union Club offered a "local" lunch on 04/28/17 featuring all local products.
- Chartwells was part of Eco-Palooza with a display and food giveaway.

Jen

- Phelps Grove Neighborhood will host an event from 8am-1pm on 05/20/17 in Lot 18. Students will be able to donate items as they are in the process of moving out of the neighborhood.

SGA *(from Thomas Lane)*

- Sustainability Commission will meet on 05/05/17. Several Projects in front of the Sustainability Commission again for a vote: Lot 31 LED lighting, hydro stations in Strong Hall, Cupanion program.

Tammy

- 2 faculty from the Department of Geography, Geology and Planning will attend the Sustainability Across the Curriculum workshop being held May 15-16, in Overland Park, Kansas.

Matt

- Highlighted the positive outcome of last year's EPA inspection.
- Vertical Innovations received a grant for continued work on the silos.
- BOG Executive Committee approved expansion of Lot 39. This decision has been made to go with a concrete lot instead of an asphalt lot.

Next meeting is September 5, 2017.