

**SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY-MINUTES
10:00 AM, March 4, 2014, Carrington 203**

Attendance:

Lauren Bansbach	Mike Kromrey
Evan Clark	Thomas Lane
Bob Eckels	Barbara Lucks
Teresa Frederick	Ken McClure
Terrel Gallaway	Tina McManus
Janice Greene	Matt Morris
Tony Hein	Joe Pitts
Tamera Jahnke	Cara Shaefer
Brad Kielhofner	David Vaughan
Mike Klem	Max Wagner

- **Approve Minutes from February 4, 2014 meeting-unanimously approved.**
- **David Vaughan introduced the new Sustainability Coordinator, Lauren Bansbach.**
- **Reports from subcommittees –**

Energy Subcommittee – Jen Cox, Chair (report given by Lauren Bansbach)

- Campus Conservation Nationals competition update: logo, posters and events are finalized. Currently working on the building manual.
- The following groups have submitted for Green Teams: College of Natural and Applied Science Dean's Office; Residence Life, Housing and Dining Services Life.Life.Green Sustainability Committee; and College of Humanities and Public Affairs Dean's Office.

Benchmark Subcommittee – David Vaughan, Chair—members are scheduled to meet March 5.

Goal Watching Subcommittee – Bill Cheek, Chair—nothing to report at this time.

- **Sustainability ideas that need funding**
Discussion about sustainability ideas that need funding. Tammy and Ken will meet with Brent Dunn to review the list and obtain feedback from University Advancement.

- **Campus Conservation Nationals Update**

Kickoff Event is Monday, April 7 in Glass 102. Speakers at 6:00 PM and documentary, *Carbon Nation* at 7:00 PM. Speakers include: Lauren Bansbach, MSU Sustainability Coordinator; Pilar Karlen, MSU Energy Manager; Barbara Lucks, Sustainability Officer for City of Springfield.

Hour Without Power every Friday, April 4, 11, 18, and 25 from 5-6 PM

Energy Trivia on Monday, April 14 in PSU Food Court at 7:00 PM

Tour of City Utilities Power Plant on Tuesday, April 15 at 10:00 AM

Energy Scavenger Hunt on Monday, April 21 beginning at PSU Bear Statue at 7:00 PM

Tour of City Utilities Power Plant on Thursday, April 24 at 2:00 PM

Ecopalooza on Friday, April 25 on North Mall / Bear Paw, 10 AM - 10 PM

Green Teams: Departments or office units are encouraged to apply:

<http://www.missouristate.edu/Sustainability/167605.htm>

Please help promote these events and encourage participation.

Building Captains are still needed. Training and a manual for guidance will be provided.

➤ **Environmental Excellence Awards Luncheon**

The luncheon will be held on April 17 at the Oasis Convention Center. Nominations are due to Barbara Lucks by April 1.

Two nominations were considered: Facilities Management, including Energy Management and The School of Agriculture. It was determined that the School of Agriculture will have more to share next year. A written nomination will be presented at the next meeting.

➤ **News from around the room!**

- Mike Klem

- Working on a 5-year conservation wildlife and forestry management plan with the Missouri Department of Revenue and National Resources Conservation Service.

- David Vaughan

- Description of Sustainability Coordinator's duties including resubmittal of AASHE STARS - Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education Sustainability Tracking and Rating System. Institutions are to report every three years. In 2011, MSU earned a Bronze rating. The goal this time is for silver or better.

- Max Wagner

- SGA will be selling reusable cups for refills at restaurants in the PSU. Students who purchase cups for \$29.99 will get a sticker on their Bear Pass cards for free refills during that semester. This will include all fountain drinks except the tea and lemonade at Chick-fil-A.
- A punch card reward system will also be available for students participating in the reusable cup program. They will win prizes for each card.
- Working with conference services for an online reservation format instead of paper.
- Working with Planning, Design and Construction on a solar project structure over the bicycle racks.
- Choosing a company for the car sharing program over Spring Break.

- Barbara Lucks

- There will be a ribbon cutting to dedicate another section of the City's LINK project which is designed to connect trails with bike-friendly designated streets. This will be 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 6 at Doling Park. Ozark Greenways Annual Meeting will be held that evening at 6:00 p.m. at Mercy's auditorium.
- The City's Department of Environmental Services is participating in the support of the Conservation Nationals and looking forward to the competition.
- A new concept for Earth Day – a "themed, multi-venue" event will be held April 12 at the Discovery Center (recycling emphasis), the Watershed Center at Valley Water Mill (water quality emphasis), and on a Greenway trail (trails/outdoor activity emphasis).
- The City/County Field Guide 2030 long range plan has been completed and accepted by the City Council and County Commission. Sustainability is one of the overarching themes of the plan.

- Lauren Bansbach

- Lauren will begin editing the sustainability newsletter when Shelby Anderson graduates this spring. Please send any ideas for the newsletter to Lauren, including anything for earth month in April.

- Joe Pitts

- Conservation Easement: additional projects planned with donations of conservation easements along the James River, including work with city utilities and the Department of Conservation.
- Working with the Darr Agricultural Center on a restoration and protection project.
- Planning for Dam Jam Downtown and River Rescue.

- Teresa Frederick

- RecycleMania runs through the end of March.
- Proposals submitted for bicycle maintenance and glass recycling programs.

- Mike Kromrey

- Seeking corporate sponsors for The Watershed Committee of the Ozarks 30th anniversary celebration at the Art Museum on July 12, 2014.
- Ground breaking this summer for a rain water project with the Darr Agricultural Center.
- Working with OEWRI on the water quality in retention basins.

- Bob Eckels

- There has been a substantial reduction in water consumption for boilers and cooling towers.
- Expanding the chilled water loop to the north has saved \$4000 July-December compared to last year.

- Brad Kielhofner

- The steel from the bleachers removed from Plaster Sports Complex is being recycled.
- Working with the City of Springfield on the LINK project to provide a transit way through campus.

- Cara Shaefer

- City Utilities is providing tours of the utility plant for students on April 15 and April 24 as part of Campus Conservation Nationals.
- The solar project will begin in late March, weather permitting.

- Tony Hein

- During Campus Conservation Nationals, the dining halls will participate in Lunch Without Light as follows:
April 7-11 Blair-Shannon
April 14-18 Garst
April 21-25 Kentwood
- In addition, the dining hall food buckets will be used by campus gardens.

- Evan Clark

- Students for a Sustainable Future had a good turnout and discussion during The Beehive Design Collective in February.
- Ecopalooza is scheduled for April 25 and will be solar powered this year. If you would like to be involved, please contact Evan.

➤ **Next meeting – April 1, 2014 10:00 am, Carrington 203**