

MINUTES
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY
10:00 AM, March 3, 2015
Carrington 203

Tammy Jahnke introduced/opened meeting.

Attendees:

Tammy Jahnke, Co-Chair	Brad Kielhofner
Ken McClure, Co-Chair	Mike Kromrey
Jennifer Cox	Thomas Lane
Emily Donovan	Barbara Lucks
Teresa Frederick	Tina McManus
Terrel Gallaway	Matt Morris
Janice Greene	Jordan Schanda
Julia Greene	David Vaughan
Tony Hein	Max Wagner

Approve Minutes from February 3, meeting—approved.

Reports from subcommittees -

1. Energy Subcommittee – Jen Cox, Chair

- Green Teams – currently have 19 teams, working on training sessions to occur at the end of March, working on certificates for Green Teams and graphics for the website.
- Crowdfunding – meeting scheduled with Dr. Jahnke and CNAS Department Heads in Temple to discuss potential occupancy sensor project. Once the project is defined and finalized, will work on application for crowdfunding.
- Campus Conservation Nationals – working on marketing and events as well as fundraising for the competitions; currently have secured commitments from JCI and the City of Springfield for donations of \$1750; working with Chartwells on food for wrap up event at Ecopalooza, have secured a donation of Bears baseball tickets for the faculty and staff in the winning academic building, will promote via MyMissouriState and the Standard, radio piece as well; events include Hour without Power, Dining in the Dark, Instagram Competition, Commitments on doors of offices/residence hall rooms, tabling, trivia, and possible video to promote with the President and Boomer.

2. Benchmark Subcommittee – David Vaughan, Chair-The committee is gathering data and working on the third annual report to be presented at the May meeting.

3. Goal Watching Subcommittee – Joe Pitts and Mike Klem, co-Chairs-nothing to report at this time.

STARS Update

- Jordan Schanda provided an update on the status. MSU has earned 45.48 points which is a silver rating.

Visioning Committee Members Discussion

Discussion about what items should be included in the infrastructure and sustainability section of the new strategic plan.

Revised Long-term and Short-term Goals for MSU

A sub-committee will meet to work on a vision statement, a third document in addition to long and short-term goals.

News from around the room!

Janice Greene

- Each summer, the Bull Shoals Field Station and The Greater Ozarks Audubon Society operate a week-long conservation biology and leadership development residential program for 16 high school students from southwestern Missouri. The Green Leadership Academy for Diverse Ecosystems (GLADE) enters its seventh year of operation in 2015 and is accepting applications.
http://www.greenleadershipacademy.org/?page_id=102
- Janice was appointed to the Springfield-Greene County Environmental Advisory Board.

Barbara Lucks

- The Department of Environmental Services with the Springfield Conservation Nature Center and the Missouri Wildflower Nursery is sponsoring:
Douglas Tallamy – author of Bringing Nature Home and Living Landscapes – Saturday, March 28
Workshops at 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. (Bringing Nature to Your Home) and 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. (Creating Living Landscapes)
- City staff has just completed the Home Show and Lawn and Garden Show. At the recent Engineering Day, a new, educational, hands-on activity in which participants build a model “DIY” wastewater treatment plant to help with understanding of the various treatment processes was premiered.
- The Report of the Citizens Environmental Priorities Task Force will be presented to a joint City Council/County Commission luncheon meeting on March 31.
- Sustainability Staff will give an informational presentation of the status of the City’s Sustainability Plan for City Operations to the City Council at their weekly luncheon meeting on March 17.
- The 15th Annual Choose Environmental Excellence Awards Luncheon will be held at the White River Conference Center on April 17, 2015 at noon, tickets are \$15.
- Landscaping for the Government Plaza Parking Lot upgrade project and for part of the Environmental Resource Center landscaping is on order and scheduled for planting in April.
- The Tree City USA Citizens Advisory Committee will sponsor the celebration of Springfield’s 30th year as a Tree City on April 10 (Springfield Arbor Day) with the planting of 30 trees in various locations throughout the day, culminated by a special tree planting ceremony and celebration on Park Central Square late in the afternoon.

Teresa Frederick

- We are half-way through Recyclemania with a very positive response.
- There will be a Living Learning Community during the Fall 2015 semester titled Bears for Sustainability. Students will become environmentally responsible citizens through education and community outreach opportunities that promote sustainability.

Matt Morris

- A recent tour of the Pummill Hall renovations reveals great advancement in sustainability efforts.

Tammy Jahnke

- The grounds crew is working on creating a garden area at Pummill Hall to grow herbs that will be used by the student-managed restaurant – Carrie's Cafe.

Mike Kromrey

- The Watershed annual report is available at <http://watershedcommittee.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/2014-Watershed-Committee-of-the-Ozarks-Annual-Report-FINAL.pdf>
- This month's Watershed Committee of the Ozarks meeting will highlight the Big Urbie project.

Jennifer Cox

- Facilities is working on the student funded pedestrian lighting conversion to LED. The material is on order for the spring/early summer project.

Max Wagner

- The bidding process for the solar stop project was completed in February and construction will begin during Spring Break March 9-13. This will be the first large-scale solar project on campus. It will be located over the bike rack near Meyer Library.

Julia Greene

- Students for a Sustainable future are hosting documentaries to raise awareness about sustainability issues. This month, the documentary is "THE HIGH COST OF LOW PRICE" about Walmart. In this documentary, the controversial retail giant Walmart faces the scrutiny of filmmaker Robert Greenwald who showcases the adverse effects the behemoth inflicts on communities and individuals. Conducting interviews with former and current Walmart employees, Greenwald gets an insider's look into some of the corporation's alleged nefarious and exploitative labor practices. The film also explores the economic impact of Walmart on small businesses and communities.
- Ecopalooza planning – 5 vendors and 3 bands are scheduled for the April 24 event.

Next meeting

April 7, 2015, CARR 203, 10:00 am

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