

Campus Sustainability Council Meeting Notes

Block 8 04/29/15

Roll Call: George Eckhart, Cecilia Gonzales, Randy Kruse, Ben Feldman, Julian Kraus-Polk, Mike Stevens, Lindsay Miller, Barbara Whitten, Derek Hanson, Frank Kinder, Gabby Palko, Lily Biggar, Jane Ard-Smith, Anna Kelley, Naomi Clark, Denise Sheridan, Mark Smith, Bruce Coriell, Ian Johnson, Justin Weis

Updates and Review of Year

- Library Resolution sent to President Jill Tiefenthaler, Board of Trustees, Library Committee, Architects
- STARS complete, on threshold of Gold and Silver
- Greenhouse Gas Inventory complete; emissions 3% above last year; total of 27,000 metric tons CO₂
- Office of Sustainability website revamped; live in next two weeks
- Sustainability Across Curriculum; May 14th and May 15th
- Ian Johnson working on city bike-share feasibility study this summer

Discussion

- Solar array proposed for Baca campus; received anonymous donation for \$150,000; Voted to use CSC budget for project (\$50,000)
 - Ideas: student installation for NSO? Greater communication/ interpretation of solar on campus?
- Frank Kinder—working on replacing showerheads; Mike Applegate switched out showerheads in Antero and is preparing to continue the project in other Western Ridge apartments
- Need better communication of sustainability efforts
 - We could use a sustainability publication to publicize progress, events, open meetings, etc.
 - We could highlight sustainability for prospective students on college tours

Internal Council Business & Organization

- Leadership structure
 - Desire to have 4 co-chairs on CSC; 1 student chair (OoS Student Intern Manager); need greater diversity
 - Gabby Palko (intern manager) as co-chair for 2015-16
 - Need to write up position description for CSC co-chairs
 - Need better involvement of general council in Steering Committee and increased communication with president and trustees
- Meeting structure:
 - Subcommittees
 - Need greater sense of purpose. 45 minutes not enough time to get things done
 - Dedicate more time to subcommittees

- Meet with committee once per month and meet with council twice a semester?
 - Alternate spending 15 minutes with council and rest of meeting time with subcommittees and spending 15 minutes with subcommittee and rest of time with council?
 - Taskforce instead of committees?
 - Most productive parts of meetings—giving updates and reports; less productive—having Steering Committee talk; less listening more doing/ engaging
- General
 - Clarify purpose and charge of group
 - Increase role of CSC in sustainability related decisions on campus
 - Communication—big focus for next year; need bigger face on campus; need to publicize what we are doing