

## Minutes

Advisory Council of Stewardship and Sustainability

Tuesday October 11, 2011 12:10-1:10 pm

Road to Utopia

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In Attendance: Monica Bartlett (co-chair), Brian Henning (co-chair), Andrea Bertotti Metoyer, Gary Chang, Todd Dunfield, Caroline Fu, Ken Sammons, Anastasia Wendlinder

1. Discussion of McKinstry
  - a. McKinstry is interested in collaborating with us long term in order to fund and design sustainable projects on campus.
  - b. They have helped other schools—PLU, UI and Whitworth
  - c. **Action Item:** Go look at their building.
2. Deadlines for ACUPCC.
  - a. January 15, 2012 is the first deadline. We need to have an inventory done by then.
    - i. This is done using the Clean Air Cool Planet Tool (excel spreadsheet) downloaded from AASHE website.
    - ii. Discussion of who should be entering the data.
      1. Should plant service be responsible or ACSS?
        - a. Plant service should be responsible for tracking and recording their own data, but is their information they shouldn't be responsible for.
        - b. Plant services is hiring a new grounds person and one candidate has experience in sustainability auditing. If they hire this person, then plant services may be in charge of keeping the spreadsheet.
    - iii. For January 15, 2011:
      1. Ken Sammons will give ACSS the data that Plant Services has
      2. We need to create only one spreadsheet that everyone has access to
      3. **Action Item:** Brian Henning will contact IT to set up inventory folder.
      4. **Action Item:** Ken Sammons will send Skye the names of the employees of Plant Services who need access to the inventory folder.
      5. **Action Item:** Gary Chang and Monica Bartlett will meet to look over the spreadsheet saved on Chang's computer.
      6. **Action Item:** Brian Henning will send a direct link to ACUPCC's reporting page so that all of the CAP members have access to how the inventory is completed.
      7. **Action Item:** Skye Miner will create a link for above on ACSS's website.
    - iv. After we have completed the report, we should give this report to the office of Institutional Research.
3. Climate Neutral Date.

- a. We will need to declare and agree upon a date to become “climate neutral” by January 15, 2013.
    - i. This date is flexible i.e. it is not “set in stone”
    - ii. This will most likely be the most controversial of the steps because of the discussion of “off-setting.”
      - 1. PLU set a date of 2020 and will “off-set” whatever they don’t accomplish.
        - a. This is probably not a model we would like to take
    - iii. The date is not the most important thing as making progress each year is more important.
  - b. Benchmarks
    - i. The idea of yearly benchmarks is more important than the actual date because it will allow us to track our progress and make sure actual progress happens.
    - ii. 2010 will be used as our baseline for our carbon footprint.
  - c. We ultimately need a full-time person in charge of implementing the plan at the university.
    - i. This could take many forms.
      - 1. Director. There is some concern over losing energy of the committee if a director takes hold of everything.
      - 2. Administrative Assistant who would work with us in order to implement the changes that we propose. This would allow for ACSS members to still be actively involved.
    - ii. Have we made it clear to Dr. McCulloh that we would like a full-time person eventually?
      - 1. Henning: Has expressed interest to Martin.
      - 2. We should confirm this as soon as possible
4. How has the ACSS changed the big picture in terms of sustainability?
- a. We need to know what is happening in terms of the planning of the student university center and the planning of the parking garage.
  - b. There are already discussions of these buildings becoming LEED certified.
  - c. Concerns about parking Garage
    - i. This will encourage people to drive
    - ii. Ken Sammons: One of the ways we could justify the parking garage is having the ultimate goal be to have parking garages but no parking lots.
  - d. The members of ACSS should have knowledge of and input into the creation of master building plans on campus.
  - e. **Action Item:** Brian Henning: Send a message to Mike Herzog asking if ACSS members could be invited to these meetings.
5. Drafting of the Climate Action Plan
- a. Look at Seattle University and LMU’s plans.
  - b. Find a happy-medium between these two plans.

- c. We need to have a draft done this year so that we can make revisions next year and submit to AUCPCC.