

# MINUTES

## Advisory Council on Stewardship and Sustainability – Steering Committee

Tuesday, September 28, 2010 12:10-1:10pm

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In Attendance: Monica Bartlett (co-chair), Brian Henning (co-chair), Andrea Bertotti-Metoyer, Jillian Cadwell, Todd Dunfield, Ken Sammons, Craig Caudill, Jon Isacoff, Caitlin Panguares, Thomas Whitney, Gary Chang, Linda Wilson, Rozalyn Sippel, Anastasia Wendlinder, Sam Mostovoy, John Gats, Morgan Chambers, Nick Rhodes

1. Introductions of new and continuing members
2. Sustainability Ambassadors – The student Sustainability Ambassadors introduced themselves and presented a sustainability presentation PowerPoint
  - a. **Action Item:** The students received feedback from members and will update the presentation in light of that feedback (e.g., contrast of some colors, modification of glass slide, inclusion of battery recycling slide, composting slide, etc.)
  - b. **Action Item:** The students will forward digital versions of the presentation and the brochure to put on the website.
3. Overall Sustainability Plan/Subcommittees – each subcommittee chair introduced herself and discussed what initiatives she would be working on this year.
  - a. **Action Item:** In a change from our past procedure, each subcommittee chair was invited to circulate status updates via email prior to our monthly meetings. Monthly meetings would be reserved for voting on items of business and discussing items that require the full groups discussion.
4. Gonzaga Community Garden – Todd announced that a community garden is in the process of being created. Questions or volunteers should be directed to Todd.
5. American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment
  - a. Signing - Monica & Brian announced the very good news that President McCulloh has agreed to sign the Climate Commitment and that he intends to charge the ACSS with its implementation. However, he has also asked the Council to certify its willingness to expend the effort required to implement the initiative.
  - b. Budget - President McCulloh announced that, given the importance of the ACSS's responsibilities, he has allocated a budget to its ongoing work.
  - c. Resolution - The voting members of the Steering Committee unanimously affirmed the following resolution: "We, the steering committee members of the Advisory Council on Stewardship and Sustainability, certify that we are willing and able, in collaboration with partners across campus, to implement the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment, should we be charged with this important responsibility."
  - d. **Action Item:** Monica and Brian will solicit volunteers to form a subcommittee that will focus on drafting the Climate Action Plan.

6. Waste Reduction Subcommittee initiative – Members discussed Andrea, Anastasia, and Monica’s plan to investigate the possibility of Tenure/promotion going paperless. They have already met with some community members and plan to request a meeting with the AVP.