Minutes
Advisory Council of Stewardship and Sustainability and the Office of the President-
Climate Action Plan Meeting
Monday October 29, 2012 10:00-11:00 pm
College Hall room 204

In Attendance: Brian Henning (co-chair), Erica Johnson, Anastasia Wendlinder, Caitlin Grant, Gary Chang, Gregory Gordon, Lisa Miklush, Jackie Van Allen, Ann Ostendorf, Anastasia Economou, Ken Sammons, Mike Herzog (Gonzaga President’s Chief of Staff), Thayne McCulloh (President of Gonzaga University)

I. Introductions
II. President Thayne McCulloh expressed gratitude and asked about Council’s dialogue in the process of creating the Climate Action Plan.
   a. Discussion about collaboration between committee members, use of other institution’s documents, and desired collaboration between the ACSS and the President’s office
   b. Job of the ACSS into the future: exciting others about it
   c. Recounted ACSS’s desire to balance realism vs. idealism and how it relates to the University mission.
III. Where did our CAP target numbers come from?
   a. Balance between aspiration and realism
   b. This is a living document: Numbers can be changed if circumstances change
   c. 20% by ’20 is a doable goal, but a reach
   d. Global urgency needs to be reflected here
   e. Noted that Ken Sammons has already taken care of a lot of the “Low-hanging fruit,” so we need to start by changing people’s activities and practices.
   f. Avista offsets are not like other offsets: investing directly in clean energy production (wind farm.)
IV. Changing individual behavior
   a. President McCulloh: President can release a statement advocating for something, but there is no guarantee people will read it and people may not pay attention due to preconceived notions etc.
      i. People like being asked their opinions
      ii. We need a “mechanism” for this communication plan
   b. People need to know about the Green fund in relation to the CAP
V. Hiring a Sustainability Director
   a. President McCulloh: don’t want to run the risk of hiring a person if there’s no support for their work around campus.
   b. Person hired will need the support of the ACSS
      i. Hired person should be the “focal point” of the ACSS energy
VI. President McCulloh on next step:
   a. Student voice
   b. A vote from the student senate would be good, but not necessary
      i. Just need to show student support
      ii. Could put on Green Fund survey going out this month
   c. Will come down to: If the university puts resources in something, people want to
understand where they are going (even if we argue they will be recovered in the process)

VII. Brief discussion as to where Sustainability Director position should be inside administration