Minutes
Advisory Council on Sustainability and Stewardship
Tuesday, April 8 2014
Jepson Center, Room 014


Presentations
• VP Judy Biggs-Garbuio - 2014 Spokane Transit Authority, Universal Transit Access Pass Program
  o See attached presentation pdf
  o Attached through id card, able to track who is utilizing the bus pass
  o Full Pledge would be capped $62,969. No budget allocation for next FY.
  o Those interested in helping to pursue bus pass transportation please contact Greg Gordon, head of the operations sub-committee

• Sima Thorpe - Asset Based Community Development: Community Asset Mapping Initiative-
  o Founded at Northwestern University- local people and their associations build strong communities, neighborhood based focusing on current strengths
  o This approach focused on what the gifts and assets of the neighborhood, grassroots and relationship based (community development via person to person)
  o Project Goal: create a community assets map of targeted neighborhoods to guide strategic planning for community development, partnering, and revitalization
  o Gonzaga Neighborhood MAPS project- map the area that is around the Logan Neighborhood and spread to the northeast neighborhoods
  o Hoping to begin 18 month long mapping project starting this summer
  o Anyone interested please contact Sima Thorpe (Thorpe@gonzaga.edu)

• (Postponed) Jim Jones, Dir. Of IT Operations: software ideas/options that could be used to affect print behavior
  o Technology that offers feedback on printing behavior within the university
  o Update to come via email
Updates

- Director of Sustainability
  - Hiring Committee - Brian Henning, Ken Sammons, Jon Isacoff, Raymond Reyes, Chance Wilcox, and Caitlin Grant.
  - Very wide range of candidates (139 applicants)
  - Inviting 3 candidates to campus for interviews this semester
    - Opportunities will be available to students, staff, and faculty to interact with candidates when they are on campus

- ACSS Constitution revision is being pursued by the ACSS Steering Committee

- University Accreditation Report
  - Circulated via ACSS-L email
  - Ann and Brian to meet with accreditor

- GreenFit Challenge Idea (Stephen Allen, Kris Morehouse, Jackie Van Allen)
  - Need both staff and faculty participation
  - Trying to setup of the summer so those of you in town that are willing to help please contact Stephen
  - Email will be sent out with more description of program and responsibilities of participants

- Operations Sub-Committee (via email)
  - Energy Efficiency: ENVS 499 students are working with Ken and Thompson to coordinate with the senior design course in computer science to develop a smart phone app or software for an energy dashboard system.
    - Judi is currently soliciting input as what sustainably practices to include in the first year experience, such as dorm competitions, etc.
  - Stephen, Chris, and Jackie are working on developing an employee Green Fit Challenge.
  - Transportation: Greg met with Judi to discuss the STA bus pass program, which might need some modification especially regarding funding.
  - Purchasing: Steve is developing a comprehensive list of sustainability practices

- Co-Curricular Sub-Committee (via email)
  - Members Present: Gary Chang, Chuck Faulkinberry, & Todd Dunfield
  - 3 Major Charges of the Committee
    - Orientation – New Manager of First Year Experience hired (Kelly Alvarado) begins 4/7. The ACSS will need to try and meet with her in her first weeks.
    - Green Fund- Awaiting Update from GSBA, no new movement on this project. Is it possible to add the new DOS (Director of Sustainability) into a supervisory role to this project.
    - Service Learning & Integrative Learning Opportunities
• Greg Gordon & Todd Dunfield met on 3/24 to discuss Service Learning opportunities in his courses (ENVS 499) and other ENVS courses.
• Gary Chang updated the committee on his Friday lab planting trees in the Holmberg Conservation Futures property
• Synergies may exist around certain areas (Proposed Scotchman Peaks, North Cascades National Park, Conservation Futures Properties) for collaboration between Student Development (CCASL & GU Outdoors) as well as academics (ENVS and BIO)