

Minutes

Advisory Council on Sustainability and Stewardship

Tuesday November 12, 2013: 12:10-1:05pm

Jepson 014

In Attendance: Brian Henning, Ann Ostendorf, Danielle Moorhouse, Sarika Khanwilkar, Lexie Yoder, Stephen Aien, Emily Struzenberg, Kaitlin Van Volkom, Gael Gordon, Mara London, Kyla Anderson, David Lindsay, Dan Harris, Chuck Faulkinberry, Kristina Morehouse, Jackie Van Allen, Becca Barad, Chance Wilcox, Gary Chang, Ken Sammons, Tim Hatcher, Todd Dunfield, Anastasia Wendlinder, Dan Bradley, Susanne Croft, Lisa Miklush, Caroline Fu

On-going/Upcoming Project

- Director Search (Brian Henning)
 - Job description will be posted this week, interviewing this coming semester
 - Search Committee is still TBD
 - Will be made up of ENV5, ACSS, and physical plant...
 - Susan Croft suggests to notify Bainbridge Institute with job description
 - Hope to have large window of advertisement, 2 month period minimum
- Logo (Brian Henning)
 - Need for graphical logo to represent sustainability efforts on campus
 - Consistent logo to be used on campus
 - Need to create when and where the logo can/cannot be used
 - Representation of internal and external efforts
 - ClimateCounts
 - Qualitative and quantitative meaning
 - Open and closed leaf version of the leaf
 - CAP campaign
 - SustainabilityCounts
 - Expands to general work on campus
 - ACSS will make logo available for use via pdf, jpeg...
- Sodexo Happenings (Chuck Faulkinberry/Dan Harris)
 - Working with local farmers to develop co-op, to provide locally and sustainably grown food for dining services
 - Partnering with EAT
 - Looking into beehives to be grown on rooftop of BARC
 - Zero Waste Night → at McCarthy for men/women basketball game
 - Currently working with athletics, still in planning stages
 - Sustainability Week (3rd week October)
 - Recycle Man was around Campus to create awareness
 - Focused on different topics each day
 - Starting sustainability newsletter
 - Sustainability in Higher Education at Western Washington University Conference → present on small farm coalition, rooftop garden, and overall campus awareness
- Coal Train Discussion (Greg Gordon)
 - Proposed letter to submit on behalf of Gonzaga University (via President McCulloh)

- The letter is not intended to ask the university to take a position on the coal trains but to ask the army corps of engineers to consider in their study the affects the diesel run trains will have on the students, staff, and faculty of the university due to our close proximity to the tracks (2 miles)
- Henning: Does anyone oppose the recommendation to the president?
 - NO
- Henning: recommends to bring letter to steering committee for final vote, if passes then send to President McCulloh
- Action: Henning to contact President's office to give them a heads up on the time sensitivity of the letter

Updates and Announcements

- Real Food Challenge (Emily Struzenberg)
 - A student lead organization, aimed at getting university administrations and dining services to commit to real food by 2020 as defined by fair trade, organic, sustainably grown, and local
 - 40 universities participated as conference to promote mobilization and possible networking with the Northwest as a whole
 - GU has the potential to be the first school to commit in the Northwest and as the first Jesuit institution
 - There will be an upcoming EAT event: panel style with Professor Henning, Chuck Faulkner, and Professor McCormick
 - The need right now is student support, Emily will be meeting the Judy Biggs Garbiuo to help increase support
 - Student leadership in progress! Great work!
- Food Recovery Program
 - GU asked to be a partner
 - GU already meets/exceeds requirements
 - In process of getting approval from administration
- Campus Sustainability Day (Sarika Khanwilkar)
 - Green Graduation Pledge- graduating seniors take the pledge, which is a commitment to considering the environmental and social consequences of any future career, and wear a green ribbon during commencement
 - Talking with student development to further this initiative at the commencement ceremony
 - Must apply by aug.1 for the following year to be an official chapter
- Green Fund (Chance Wilcox, Becca Barad)
 - Rebuilding constitution, making it more concrete
 - Met with Dr. Herzog to help establish what they are working towards, find what President McCulloh's vision for the green fund
 - In the process of writing proposal, which will basically be an outline of the constitution to present to the board of trustees at the November meeting
 - If ACSS can help, please let us know
- Co-Curricular (Dunfield)
 - Action: motion to suspend (temporarily) Green Fund work from the co-curricular committee
 - Second the motion: ?