

Sustainability Council Meeting
Minutes

January 16, 2009

Members Present: Noted at 25

Meeting Minutes: The minutes from December 19, 2008 meeting were acknowledge

Caroline Moore told the council that the bike program at Creighton was still in a fledgling state. She is on the Board of Directors at the community Bike Shop and helping develop programs with them. She listed a few programs including the Mayor's Annual Ride to Work event.

The project to install bike racks in the 24th Street parking garage for long term bike storage is in design. It is planned to have the bike racks in place sometime through the summer.

Stephanie Wernig, Cindy Adams, and Ed DuPree were recognized for their efforts in developing the first annual sustainable Christmas decoration contest.

Lennis Pederson encouraged members of the council to review the draft University Sustainability Policy found on the website. Comments are requested via e-mail in the not to distant future. Adam Hare will be meeting with Mary Duda and Lennis to review and possibly enhance the draft.

Mary Duda reported that her efforts to get sustainability into the University Strategic Plan are wrapping up. Presentations will be made to the cabinet later in January.

Lennis Pederson told the group that he had a DVD of the television program Our Water Our Future. The program was prepared by a local advertising agency to further explain the city sewer separation project. The DVD is available for viewing. Following the meeting, Mary Duda announced ways to view the program on line.

Lennis Pederson did not have an update on the project to develop goals and objectives for the Sustainability Council.

Mary Duda told the council about the recent success in creating a work study position focused on sustainability. The incumbent, Alicia Donner was introduced at the meeting.

Activities surrounding the global Warming Teach-In schedule for February 5th were reviewed. The program includes 4 panel discussions to be covered consecutively in the Harper Center. The panels will be made up of faculty members in large part. Faculty is also encouraged to devote class time to discussion on global warming. Faculty members championing this effort include Jay Leighter and Jennifer Ladino.

Mary Duda introduced the council to the March 29th event; Faith and the Environment Symposium. The symposium is being coordinated by Ronald Simkins and Beth Katz. The program includes guest speakers and group discussions. Save the date. More information will be coming.

It was announced that Earth Day will be celebrated April 22, 2009. The council members are asked to be prepared to help with the program and at the least attend the festivity.

Ken Reed-Bouley was not able to attend the meeting to give updates on the April 17th event when Habitat Restore will be picking up commodity on campus.

The council decided that the time for meetings; 2:00 pm of the third Friday of each month was okay. No reason to make a change.

Joe Zaborowski presented the proposed Purchasing Policy on Sustainability. The draft policy directed people buying goods and services for campus use to purchase sustainable products. The council endorsed the language in the draft after discussion. Joe was encouraged to have the policy adopted.

Teresa Bohnet updated the council on the single stream recycle program. All residence halls are involved in the program and many educational and general use buildings were being phased in. The program involves training of the occupants and a period of transition while trash baskets disappear from the desk side.

Joe Zaborowski told the council about Purchasing's annual sourcing event. This year's event will have several opportunities to learn about sustainability including at least one break out session. Joe encouraged everyone to attend this March event.

Lennis Pederson informed the council that Johnson Control has developed two strategies for funding the anticipated performance contract. The concepts will be presented later in January. The funding ideas are favorable to the University's concern of managing debt.

Teresa Bohnet and Mary Duda told the council about their initiative to host a program on campus with a web-cast extension involving regional colleges and universities desiring to share experiences developing a sustainability program. The event has not been scheduled but will not be before February 4th. The initial enthusiasm by colleges and universities has been very high.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.