

Sustainability Council Meeting
Minutes

July 18, 2008

Attendance: Noted at 10

Meeting Minutes: From June 20, 2008 were accepted

Lou Marcuccio explained the single stream recycle program about to be extended campus wide in August. The program will include modifying dumpsters and compactors, hiring two staff persons to have recycle commodity to collection points on campus that will be hauled to Firststar for recycle.

The strategy for education and awareness will be developed by the recycle enhancement committee in the next few weeks. This will be in concert with Rob Spaliatsos and the Residence Life staff.

Mary Duda spoke about Johnson Control doing a workshop in the fall regarding a sustainability program; a short video about the program was shown. The goal of the workshop is to develop goals and objectives for the Sustainability Council and for the University.

Mary Duda displayed the Sustainability website for the campus. The website is available. She pleaded for more information to be added to the site.

George Tangeman explained that some spaces on campus were cool because the temperatures are supplied to the rooms at 55 degrees because warmer space temperatures call for use of heaters to warm the air. Air is cooled to 55 degrees to reduce the humidity in the room. This is a continuous building control monitoring process to eke out economy through energy management. It is expected that a short informational document about the operation of the building systems will be made available for the campus populace.

George Tangeman told the council about a new position starting August 21 for Facilities Management. The individual will be assigned the job of turning off lights and equipment left functioning. The individual will also close windows.

Mary Duda explained the initiative being pursued by the Graduate School.

A tour Harper Center with an eye towards the sustainable features of the building will be scheduled for late September.

Mission Statement – do we need one? Once we get the policy posted, we will take a look and see if that is sufficient for a mission statement.

Develop an ambassador program – people who can spread the word about what we're doing on campus. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

There is a need to measure the success of the Council and the overall efforts toward sustainability. Over the next few meetings there will be discussion about how the audit of achievements might be accomplished.

Lennis gave a few project updates.

- Work with OPPD regarding the solar collector project is progressing. Marc Nichols with OPPD is hiring a project engineer to work on the project. There is some optimism regarding a successful Federal grant to the University to apply toward renewable energy programs
- The Ryan Center and the proposed fitness center are both designed with an emphasis on LEED. There will be a points evaluation of the Ryan Center in a few weeks to determine the level of LEED certification, had the certificate been pursued.
- The proposed Public Safety Bldg and Shuttle facility is in the early stages of design. It is understood the design team will be cognizant of LEED requirements and design as if the building would be certified.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20pm. The next meeting is 2:00 on Aug 15, '08, in the Union Pacific room.