## Sustainability Council Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2010

Members: Noted at 8 present

The minutes from the May 21, 2010 meeting were acknowledged

Lennis Pederson reported that the Alternative Energy Project was progressing toward an early August completion. The solar film on the roof of the KFC is generating electricity. The installers of the framing for the solar array in the faculty/staff parking lot are expected on campus in a week. The tracker panel by the Lied Education Center is expected to be erected in early July.

Jessica Heller informed the group that the Community Garden on 18<sup>th</sup> Street is planted. There are about 22 plots planted. There are 40 plots available. There is a nice mix of faculty, staff and students.

Lennis Pederson commented that the committee effort to address the Strategic Plan is completed. The effort is much appreciated. The tactics will be finalized and forwarded in later August.

Please plan to experience the art display planned in September; Global Water Crisis. The art will include a statue made of recycled water bottles. The plan is for the art to be displayed in the Lied Education Center. A second statue may be erected near St. John's Church for a couple of days in September.

Ed DuPree reported that Purchasing is encouraging departments to buy Energy Star. The reaction of the departments has been very positive. Frank Reida said that the Energy Star program is being reviewed and it appears that Energy Star is going to be more stringent. Purchasing is tracking the Energy Starr purchases but it seems that most of the medical appliances are Energy Star rated even though the appliances do not have the rating. Ed stated that all computers purchased on campus are Energy Star rated.

Frank Reida gave an update about legislation. He told about the EPA usurping authority about controlling green house gas. The congressional attempt to slow down the EPA was defeated so the EPA can proceed with new regulations.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

The next meeting is July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 2:00 PM in the Union Pacific Room in the Alumni Library.