

Sustainability Council Meeting
Minutes

October 21, 2011

Members Present: Noted at 12 members

The minutes from the September 16, 2011 meeting were acknowledged as accurate.

Frank Reida reported that the EPA will be regulating the water discharged from the fracking method of harvesting natural gas. The EPA does not regulate other portions of the fracking procedures.

Amy Helms informed the group that the subcommittee working on promoting use of mass transit. The targeted audience may need to be adjusted to focus on faculty and staff. She said that others have opted to join the committee.

John Schwede and Jessica Heller were not able to attend the meeting. Lennis Pederson highlighted some points about the Community Garden in their behalf.

- The Community Garden has 24 plots.
- The fee for a plot is \$20 and will likely be raised for next season.
- A lottery for selecting who can lease a plot may be desirable.
- More conversation is needed around providing an educational opportunity associated with the garden.
- Real estate for expansion beyond 24 plots is not available.
- A method of keeping some or all of the fee for use of a plot needs to be considered so individuals that opt out are not remitted the fee.
- Planning meetings for next year's garden will soon convene.

Lennis Pederson updated the Council on the next phases of the alternative energy project.

Included in the construction phase are:

- a) Geo-thermal heating, cooling and domestic hot water system for the north part of Pittman building.
- b) A 24 volt DC powered ceiling grid will be installed in the north portion of the Pittman building for use by students developing new lighting fixtures. The grid will be powered by photovoltaic panels installed on the east exterior of the building.
- c) Solar thermal panels will be installed on the south wall of the County building to heat the building.
- d) Solar panels will be added to the roof of Rigge to generate domestic hot water for the building.

It was reported that Mary Duda, George Tangeman and Lennis Pederson were part of a task force developing an energy conservation plan for the university administration to consider.

The bike program was briefly discussed. It was noted that the long term storage program was about to be rekindled. Further comments on the development of the bike repair shop in McGloin Hall with the help of Matt Martin and the Community Bike Shop were also shared.

Ken Reed-Bouley introduced the Council to two Catholic publications about sustainability.

1) Healing a Broken Work Task Force on Ecology prepared by the Social Justice and Ecology Secretariat for the Society of Jesus.

and

2) Sustainability and Catholic Higher Education, A toolkit for mission integration.

The council is encouraged to become familiar with both documents.

The meeting ended at 3:15 pm.

The next meeting is November 18th, 2011 at 2:00 pm in the Union Pacific Room.