

Sustainability Council
Notes of meeting 10.22.2013

Present: Eric Wilber, Corne Prozesky, Leslie Duram, Craig Anz, Deb Sarvela, Drew Foxx, Jill Johnson, Janet Donoghue, Roy Buck, Tyler Kashdan, Kris Schachel

Called to order at 3:02 pm.

Corne made motion to approve agenda, Leslie seconded; motion carried.

Leslie made motion to approve September 24 minutes, Deb seconded; motion carried.

Roy and Tyler presented a PowerPoint about their experience at the AASHE annual conference in Nashville (funded by the Sustainability Travel Award). They agreed it was a valuable experience for education, professional development, and networking – and suggested SIU strive to present more at that gathering because other schools are still trying to implement things we have here (ex: Green Fund, Sustainability Council).

Eric reported on his experience at the American Bar Association Section on Environment, Energy and Resources Law Conference in Baltimore – which was affected by the government shutdown in DC. Nevertheless, the EPA will be proceeding with greenhouse gas regulations; some begin January 1, others later. Deb remarked on stack tests for our power plant, and that SIU's consultant is confident our fluidized bed combustion will qualify with very little modification.

The Sustainability Council report to the Chancellor will not be finished by our desired deadline of Oct. 23 Campus Sustainability Day, but definitely by Nov. 1

Eric floated the idea of Council members assisting with Pledge tabling in the Student Center, and also extended the offer for Council (as an event sponsor) to set up a table and participate in the Technology and Innovation Expo on Friday, Oct. 25 at Dunn-Richmond. He also reported on progress with Sustainability website: addition of videos and service opportunities; only a couple remaining pages read "coming soon."

Kris reported on activities planned for Campus Sustainability Day, and Janet added particular details about the Green Tour. The Green Tour will be valuable to add as an option for Open House Days, and we've already had interest from Laurie Achenbach, Dean of Science, to partner with them and offer the tour during events they have planned for next year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Travel Awards: A total of \$5,750 (of \$7000) was awarded for Fall 2013. During the November meeting, Council should discuss streamlining the application process and determining amount of funding to earmark per semester.

Green Fund: Corne reported the EchoSign system has made the fillable pdf submission problematic; we'll have to find a solution for recurring application issues. Corne and Eric plan to meet regarding the rubric and then convene the full committee for discussion. Hopefully a proposed list of funding can be presented for full Council vote at Nov. 19 meeting. Kris added a thought about need for system of recognition for Green Fund projects, and will draft a proposal.

Assessment: Roy continues the work of information gathering. SIU will definitely achieve a minimum of Bronze level – hopefully Silver.

Curriculum: Craig will meet with Jim Allen about 'Design Across the Curriculum' plans. He also remarked about the need for SIU to have a degree in planning.

NEW BUSINESS

To spur greater amount of renewable energy projects on campus, Eric presented a resolution for Council consideration regarding next spring's funding round. Hesitation was expressed about implications of adopting that kind of mandate, and Kris offered to draft language she believed would address the intent, but avoid the level of commitment a resolution entails.

Adjourned at 4:36 pm.