

## Sustainability Council

Minutes of February 28, 2014 meeting

Members PRESENT: Eric Wilber, Kris Schachel, Drew Foxx, Deb Sarvela, Jill Johnson, Chef Bill Connors, Corne Prozesky, Yanna Liang, Kevin Roth

Members ABSENT: Leslie Duram

Others Present: Roy Buck, Janet Donoghue

Called to order 2:06 pm

Deb made a motion to approve the agenda; Corne seconded; agenda approved.

Chef Bill made a motion to approve the minutes from January 24; Deb seconded; minutes approved.

### Intro: Welcome New Faculty Members

Welcome Dr. Yanna Liang and JKevin Roth as new faculty members; Deb made a motion to approve; Chef Bill seconded; motion approved.

### Green Fund Updates

Due to the Green Fund Account by noon on March 21, 2014. There is no council meeting in between today's meeting and the due date. These will be announced on Earth Day, which is April 22, 2014.

The Art and Design Department is working on a new project. We had a meeting with them recently to discuss funding. We have between \$150,000 and \$175,000 to work with.

New projects for the Solar Panels include charge of electric fleet, energy GA, and electric printers.

### Travel Award Updates

There are 4 new Travel Awards that have been approved. The limit is \$1,000 per student. We have allocated \$7,000 and awarded \$3,280. May 1, 2014 is the deadline to turn in all Travel Award applications. This includes for the Spring/Summer 2014 semesters. We have funded around 14 awards total so far, all around the country.

### Imagining Geographies Meeting

The website for Imagining Geographies is [mcm.siu.edu/imagininggeographies](http://mcm.siu.edu/imagininggeographies). The College of Mass Communications and Media Arts has partnered with sustainability research. Headed by Peter Lemish, the Director of Mass Comm. This is done on a more ad hoc basis now. This is a University-wide initiative, keeping in mind location and funding (such as outside sources, grants, and help from the Chancellor). The Sustainability Council may help with funding, but prefers to have help from outside sources.

The next meeting of Imagining Geographies is in April. The discussion will be finding a center to house them in for their meetings, etc.

This year's focus for Imagining Geographies is water. Next year's focus is on fracking and energy. The Josh Fox Lecture is on the issues centered around fracking.

### Coordinator's Report

The Newsletter was recently completed and sent out (as a PDF available on the sustain website).

March 21, 2014 is the deadline for Green Fund. There will be a Green Tour this day with the Dean of Science. We discussed the Illinois Junior Symposium Event, as well.

On March 31, from 4:30-6 pm is the Karen Midden College of Ag and Women Resource Center presentation (look for an email forthcoming).

April 21 is the Josh Fox Fracking Lecture.

April 22 is Earth Day. On this day, we may also have a Campus Consciousness Tour (Reverb: Road Shows for bands—may be more sustainable).

April 25 is the next Council meeting. There is a Spring Social that evening to celebrate recent events. This may be a catered event.

AASHE dues have been paid.

Janet mentioned that on Tuesday, April 15, there is a lecture in Gyon Auditorium in Morris Library at 7 pm. This lecture is titled Envisioning a Fossil Free Future for Southern Illinois. We also discussed who our alternative fuels expert is on campus, which we are still speculating.

Some other business we discussed was the Solutions Project / Stanford Scientists. This would include 100% renewable energy. This would be collaborated by the Josh Fox lecture. Roy Buck also has a project geared toward that he could present on.

Dr. Liang works with biofuels. Kevin Roth works with conservation. There was a brief discussion on these two topics, and it was brought to the council's attention by Janet that we could have different literature brought forth on these topics.

In other news, SIU made the Emergency Notification System operational via solar panels now, which is great news, considering this makes us "outside the grid", as pointed out by Deb. This way, the community can still be notified of emergencies even if the grid fails.

\*A footnote to the Coordinator's Report:

On Saturday, March 22, 2014, the New Student Orientation takes place. We discussed having our office on the first floor of the student center open during this time for new visitors to stop by and explore what we are about. This idea is to get new students involved sooner in sustainability-minded affairs.

#### Campus Sustainability Visioning Session

Attached in this email you will find the summary of our discussion as a council involving the short-term, medium-term, and long-term goals each member has for the council and the university.

Meeting adjourned at 4:02 pm.