

Minutes  
Sustainability Council 2/2/2012  
8:00 a.m. CEHS Conference Room

Present: Paul Restivo, Erin Seekamp, Matt Therrell, Justin Harrell, Makayla Trotter, Chef Bill Conners, Megan Pulliam, Bunny LeBaron, Jonny Gray, Rachel Goad, Lori Barrow, Marta Bender

Meeting called to order at 8:00

1. January minutes approved
2. Guest: Marta Bender presenting the new webpage
3. Committee Reports
  - a. Green Fund Last round of funding
    - i. Projects funded
    - ii. Numbers
    - iii. Two things wrong
      1. We did not follow protocol – hopefully taken care of with files
      2. We only had 14 submissions
        - a. Remedy sent call and new form out
    - iv. Here is our new form
      1. Also updating the rubric
    - v. The upcoming workshop reminder
      1. Press release on the 30<sup>th</sup>
      2. Posted fliers
    - vi. Scholarship applications
  - b. Financial Officer
    - i. The loan fund
      1. Should be able to present by fiscal year
      2. Student researching loan funds at other universities, peer institutions
    - ii. Foundation account is being worked on
    - iii. Recommend that the Coordinator salary come out of current monies rather than the loan fund
  - c. Curriculum Committee
    - i. Need to laminate the sustainability poster for it to be displayed in the Student Center
    - ii. Drogos' project has begun with gathering courses and interviews.
  - d. Sustainability Advisory Panel
    - i. The fillable PDF for application is ready to be posted
    - ii. Need to stay aware of delegation and not be overwhelmed by management
4. Old Business
  - a. Sustainability Coordinator hire
    - i. Hiring committee is meeting to establish protocol

1. Chef Bill will step in for Justin Harrell
  - ii. Interviews will happen in March with start date of position July 1
  - iii. Funding of the position – the spirit of the agreement is 18 months, even though we're technically into that time already
  - iv. We want candidates to present to the Council
- b. Sustainability Council G.A.
- i. Working on getting parts of the Green Tour into New Student Orientation
    1. Phillip Campbell from New Student Programs is also very interested helping us create an online digital Green Tour.
  - ii. The “Don't cancel class!” Green Tour and class discussion service now offered
    1. Green tour
    2. Sustainability and you
    3. Cultural perspectives on sustainability
    4. Trash Talk
  - iii. Sustainability Curriculum Initiative
    1. We've been talking, brainstorming, and working together since the end of last semester to create the guidelines for this database that he's going to be building us:
    2. Database for us that will be available on our website, has three parts:
      - a. Courses that are related sustainability – in obvious ways
      - b. Profiles and contact info. of faculty a) willing to have that posted, and b) interested in sustainability in their own research and projects – even if they don't teach in “obvious” fields.
      - c. This creates a kind of instructor map that students can use in a way to navigate their degree requirements, or are looking for outside members for their committees.
      - d. It will also be a place for faculty to get a sense of what their colleagues across the campus are doing.
      - e. This creates a communication network for us to solicit information about upcoming – upcoming courses related to sustainability– This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> category of the database
      - f. gives room for instructors to present special topics courses, seminars, courses with sustainability oriented units or assignments, or overall sustainability focus and that 's the way that particular instructor teaches it.
      - g. Builds the sustainability conversation on campus
  - iv. The Campus Action Plan
    1. Background
    2. Huge task, huge opportunity for student involvement and input
    3. Grad Team
    4. Current breakdown of tasks

5. Involvement – if you or someone you know want to be involved, or if you have suggestions or information, send it my way.
- v. Art happenings & Video
1. Transition Towns toy theater performances were last night – excellent
  2. This Friday from 4 -7 is the opening reception of “Sustain” at the University Museum.
    - a. Ecofriendly art
    - b. Environmentally conscious exhibition materials
    - c. Nate Steinbrink also gave us great PR the other day on WSIU?
  3. WE'RE GETTING A VIDEO OF THIS PROJECT from Greg Wendt in Center for Teaching Excellence (the unit formerly known as ISS)
    - a. There are two other video projects that we are hoping to work on this semester
      - i. History of the SC and its student roots
      - ii. Project – I would like to see the Elkay hydration stations
- vi. The sustainability pledge
1. Plan is to start getting people signed up, creating images of individual pledges, even capturing footage for the video
  2. Pledge Drive during Earth week.
    - a. We'll have a table in the student center everyday of Earth Week from 11 -2.
    - b. Lured
      - i. Water bottle
      - ii. Perhaps – if we choose to organize this -- We may also have a Sustainability Scavenger hunt that you are eligible to participate in when you sign the pledge.
        1. Three weeks to get it organized for PR at student center
      - iii. Cleared gathering of prizes with the Foundation
  3. Last item – another voting item -- is creating a Spring Mixer
    - a. Goal: To have an enjoyable evening where people interested in sustainability at SIU can meet one another socially and also form a network for future collaboration
      - i. We need to build community, acknowledge people, nurture the grass roots ethos that got the council going.
    - b. Day: 23<sup>rd</sup>? Monday night? Or later that week?
    - c. Potluck:
    - d. Location: Perhaps Field of Dreams – 35/hour, \$70 minimum.
    - e. Help:
    - f. Fall Fundraiser:
      - i. Touch of Nature – therefore catered

1. Francis at the Coop
  2. tart talking with Touch of Nature and also the Foundation
- c. Update on Sustainability Compact
    - i. It has been sent to the Chancellor and we are waiting to hear back
  - d. Website
    - i. We have initiated a council website that will be linked to the student-run sustainability website
    - ii. Current site is designed and waiting on virus scrubbing and some content
    - iii. Makayla Trotter has created an SIUC Sustainability Council website
  - e. Action Plan/Assessment Update
    - i. Recycling and trash information has been corralled
    - ii. Megan Pulliam – at best we’re recycling 30%, when 70% - 80% could be recycled
    - iii. Megan working on a battery recycling program
  - f. Sustainability Pledge: I pledge to join SIU’s sustainability efforts by developing personal habits that foster social, economic, and environmental health. I choose to use the knowledge and experience I gain at SIU to improve sustainability in the communities where I live, learn, and work.
  - g. Sustainability PR
    - i. The poster and items are up in the case in the student center
  - h. Events
    - i. INDR John A. 7 p.m.
  - i. AASHE Membership
    - i. Continue now and in the future
5. New Business
    - a. New Members for 2012/2012
      - i. Tabled for next meeting
    - b. Environmental Studies minor RFP
      - i. Has been removed from the Provost’s office
      - ii. Should the SC make a bid to house it and thus retain its interdisciplinary nature
        1. The Coordinator would take the place of the Provost
        2. The program director would “report” to the Coordinator
      - iii. Has been operating w/o civil service support
      - iv. The Sustainability Council position statement will go out over email for feedback and approval

Meeting adjourned at 9:45

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