TO:        Brian Foster, Provost
FROM:      Jason Hubbart, Chair
DATE:      May 19, 2011
SUBJECT:   Annual report of the Environmental Affairs and Sustainability Committee

Committee Charge

The charge to the Environmental Affairs and Sustainability Committee is to make recommendations to the Provost on the development of policies for environmental and sustainability issues; develop formal and informal mechanisms for improved education to enhance environmental and sustainability awareness; and provide a biannual sustainability report to the chancellor.

Committee Membership

Jason Hubbart  Forestry
Peter Ashbrook  Environmental Health and Safety
David Beversdorf  Radiology, Neurology & Psychology
Rechel Brekhus  Ellis Library
Steve Burdic  MU Sustainability Coordinator
Kristina Casagrand  MSA Representative
Leah Christian  Small Business Development
Paul Coleman  Campus Facilities
Betsy Enochs  Nano-Medicine Center
Dan Hooley  Classical Studies
Zhiqiang Hu  Civil and Environmental Engineering
Steven Keller  Chemistry
Jaymi Lebrun  GPC Representative
Teresa Long  Human Resource Services
Phillip Mohebian  GPC Representative
Kevin Petersen  MSA Representative
Christopher Peterson  MSA Representative
Troy Rule  Law
Caryn Scoville  MU Libraries
Christopher Starbuck  Plant Sciences
Zachary Treece  MSA Representative
Jan Weaver  Environmental Studies
Martin Wills  Geography

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Committee Meetings

The Committee held five meetings during the year:

August 9, 2010
October 26, 2010
November 29, 2010
January 29, 2011
April 14, 2011

Committee Activities

Initial Committee activities focused on providing input to the development of the campus’ first Climate Action Plan to comply with the American College & University Presidents’ Climate Commitment.

Specific activities included:

- Met with Meredith Elbaum, the consultant assisting the campus in developing its Climate Action Plan. The Committee subsequently devoted a full meeting to reviewing the draft of the Climate Action Plan and provided feedback on its discussions. The campus filed the Climate Action Plan in mid-January to meet the deadline committed to when Chancellor Deaton signed the commitment.
- The Committee received regular presentations from the student group, Sustain Mizzou. Activities included: coordinating the Tiger Tailgate recycling program at football games; a fund drive to purchase locally grown foods for the needy; a service learning course to grow, harvest and donate locally grown food; participation in EPA’s Recycle Mania contest; staffing an information table at the Student Center; organized a concert fundraiser for the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico; handed out several grants for sustainability projects; and oversight of the RecycInk printer ink cartridge recycling program.
- MU received a grade of B from the Center for Sustainable Endowments; this was up from B- the previous year.
- The Committee received regular reports from the Sustainability Coordinator, including assistance at ESPN Game Day, the annual solid waste and recycling report, the AASHE conference, Earth Day, and Tiger Treasures.
- The Committee reviewed bicycle issues, including the City’s GetAbout Columbia program and an overview of recent MU initiatives.
- The Committee received the 2009 update on the impacts of campus activities on the environment entitled “University of Missouri Environmental Sustainability Report.”
- The Committee held a forum to discuss the future of the Environmental Studies Program after Jan Weaver announced she was stepping down as Director.
Met with the Director of Campus Dining Services to review various sustainability issues related to MU food service operations.

**Recommendations**

The Committee did not make any formal recommendations during the year.

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Attachments

- Minutes of Meetings
- University of Missouri Environmental Sustainability Report—2009 Update