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TO: Brian Foster, Provost
FROM: Dan Hooley, Chair *Dan Hooley*
DATE: July 15, 2010
SUBJECT: Annual report of the Environmental Affairs and Sustainability Committee

Please find below the 2009-2010 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

Dan Hooley	Classical Studies
Emily Albertson	MSA Representative
Peter Ashbrook	Environmental Health and Safety
David Beversdorf	Radiology, Neurology & Psychology
Rechel Brekhus	Ellis Library
Steve Burdic	MU Sustainability Coordinator
Paul Coleman	Campus Facilities
Ben Datema	MSA Representative
Baolin Deng	Civil & Environmental Engineering
Betsy Enochs	Nano-Medicine Center
Lauren Hasler	MSA Representative
Zhiqiang Hu	Civil and Environmental Engineering
Jason Hubbart	Forestry
David Konisky	Public Affairs
Teresa Long	Human Resource Services
Tina Mann	Campus Facilities
Patrick Margherio	MSA Representative
Zach Rubin	GGPC representative
Christopher Starbuck	Plant Sciences
Jan Weaver	Environmental Studies
Martin Wills	Geography
Sarah Wolken	GPC Representative
David Worcester	Biological Science

Committee Meetings

The Committee held eight meetings during the year:

October 7, 2009

November 5, 2009
December 7, 2009
January 21, 2010
March 10, 2010
April 5, 2010
June 7, 2010
July 7, 2010

Committee Activities

The Committee underwent a transformation this year related to an increased campus emphasis on sustainability issues. The Committee's name was changed to include the word, "sustainability," and the Committee's charge was modified to be more directive. The Committee's activities focused on two broad areas: support of the campus Sustainability Coordinator on a number of sustainability issues, and helping to meet the University's commitments under the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment.

Specific activities:

- The Committee established three subcommittees to work toward development in an implementation plan for the President's Climate Commitment: Infrastructure Issues; Management Issues; and Teaching, Research and Service.
- The Committee entertained regular presentations from the student group, Sustain Mizzou. Their 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; stream clean up along Hinkson Creek; Recycle Mountain; participation in EPA's Recycle Mania contest; working with Memorial Union to help their operations be more sustainable; participation in a tree planting project in partnership with the Missouri River Relief Project; coordinating the second Show Me Sustainability Conference for Missouri college students; the energy conservation competition through the use of a real time dashboard for three residence halls; and oversight of the RecyclInk printer ink cartridge recycling program.
- The committee noted that MU received a grade of B- from the Center for Sustainable Endowments; this was a whole grade better than the previous year, an improvement owing to better communication of MU's accomplishments with the rating agency. The committee feels that the grade, while improved, does not accurately reflect the university's progress in sustainable practices, which has been considerable. The rating agency's focus on green investments in the endowment pool has been something of a liability for this campus.
- The Committee heard a presentation from Coal Free Mizzou, which urged the campus to move away from the use of coal for energy generation as soon as possible.
- The Committee received updated reports on the City's activities—mostly bicycle related—with the nonmotorized transportation grant from the federal government.
- The Committee met with the new Campus Master Plan consultant, Linda Eastley.
- The Committee cosponsored a table at the Columbia Earth Day celebration.
- The Committee received the 2008 update on the impacts of campus activities on the environment entitled "University of Missouri Environmental Sustainability Report."
- The Committee received a copy of the FY2009 Solid Waste and Recycling summary report.
- The Committee heard a presentation on MU's greenhouse gas emissions.
- The Committee discussed the issuance of a statement on "cap and trade" by President Forsee and monitored follow up from the controversy that ensued from this statement.
- The Committee heard a presentation from Campus Facilities about plans for the new biomass boiler and energy conservation projects.
- The Committee heard a presentation from the Director of Procurement about campus purchasing policies.

- The Committee provided assistance to Sasaki and Associates, which was hired to develop a Climate Action Plan for MU.

Recommendations

The Committee voted unanimously in January to recommend the adoption of a new Environmental Policy Statement. This policy was forwarded to the Provost and approved.

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Attachments

Minutes of Meetings

Letter to Provost March 18, 2009

University of Missouri Environmental Sustainability Report—2007 Update