

University of Missouri
Environmental Affairs and Sustainability Committee

Meeting Minutes: October 25, 2011

Members In Attendance: Daniel Cohen, Tina Casagrand, Benjamin Moore, Martin Wills, Emily Holden, Ruth Tofler, Paul Coleman, Jason Hubbard, Steve Burdic, Maureen Kotlas

Guests: Ben Datema, Meredith Eldaum, Shraddha Marathe, Josh Baniak, Jessica Gordon, Andrea Hall, Rose Eppensteiner, Amy Eultgen, Emmie Harcourt, Kat Seal, Monica Everett

Meeting Notes from Maureen Kotlas

Introductions

Annual report was submitted to the Provost by Maureen Kotlas on October 21, 2011

Minutes from the April 14, 2011 meeting were distributed

S. Burdic provided a history of the Sustainability Report, reported that STARS is in progress, distributed the Climate Action Plan Update.

Chair J. Hubbard asked about the charge of the committee. M. Kotlas read the 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.

Discussions included the MU coal burning power plant, improvements being made and planned including eventual replacement of boilers with biomass boilers and possible use of renewal energy technologies, GHG production and Climate Action Plan commitment to reduce carbon emissions by 20 percent by 2015.

S. Burdic commented that the university is committed to becoming carbon neutral and is developing LEED standards for building design.

Discussions continued about communicating with the campus, getting students engaged, and including more information in the next CAP update on infrastructure, research, curriculum, and outreach.

Action items: a subcommittee led by S. Burdic will be formed to explore communications and outreach.

Suggested agenda items for the next meeting:

Report from the Communication subcommittee

Sustainability Initiatives

Input on the CAP update – what should be included, is anything missing.