Environmental Affairs and Sustainability Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2017

Call to Order

David calls the meeting to order at 2:00 pm in the Sustainability Office. Rachel, Kathryn, and Hannah take meeting minutes.

In Attendance

Raghu Raghavan, Hannah Peterson, David Beversdorf, Matt Maher, Chris Wilson, Bonnie Hansen, Laura Cole, Jan Weaver, Amy Eultgen, Tony Wirkus, Paul Coleman

Open Issues

Minutes approved by Matt Maher. Seconded by David Beversdorf.

1. Curriculum Subcommittee
   a. Jan Weaver received verbal approval Env. Studies to Natural Resources, needs to email Ted Tarkow and Jim Spain to move forward
   b. Ensure that there is point person for certificate in Natural Resources
   c. David brought up designating courses as sustainable with “green leaf”, to flag for sustainability content
      i. Art Jago needs to be involved in “green leaf” conversation
      ii. Raghu mentioned that it is still under considerations
      iii. Raghu to speak about tagging sustainability research June 28th at meeting with OSPA
      iv. Possibility of getting “green leaf” added to myVITA for research tracking

2. LEED
   a. Chris Wilson:
      i. Registered School of Music
      ii. School of Med patient-centered learning care center = successful project
      iii. Reslife projects in process of being registered
   b. ResLife changes
      i. Offline buildings? Alternate purposes potentially office space

3. Paper baling project updates
   a. Matt Maher: Resource Recovery Center site tested and has passed, cannot start baler manufacturing because waiting for construction services
   b. Looking at several months. It may 3 to 4 months before baler is operational
c. 15,000 a month to be saved by baling and selling paper

d. Working on baler grant for cardboard – get rid of dumpsters on campus

e. $30-50,000 revenue and offset $100,000 in costs

f. Composting?
   i. Working with Ag?
   ii. Working with city?

4. Celebration of teaching, Raghu
   a. Spring semester workshop, Raghu presented on sustainability in curriculum
   b. 55 people signed up for sustainability in curriculum workshop, 25 attended
   c. Amy comments on diversity of audience
   d. Goal: changing at least one course they teach to include sustainability so Raghu can add to website, full day workshop next year, build campus as living and learning lab, STARS platinum: 40% of courses w/ sustainability content

5. Discussion of moving forward
   a. Thank you to Hannah
   b. David proposes to wait until new committee is constituted for next meeting (in August)
   c. Amy commented on receiving back results from spring semester survey
   d. Laura would like to come up with a vision for going forward
   e. Jan comment on clarifying role of the committee
   f. Summer lunch with new members

**Action Items**

Jan Weaver, send email to Ted Tarkow and Jim Spain to get Env. Studies certificate to clarify confusion
Raghu send David email about “green leaf”

**Motions**

**Announcements:**
Hannah’s farewell Friday June 16th, 11:30-12:30

**Adjournment**
David adjourns at 1:42 pm.