Opening
The regular meeting of the StART II FLC was called to order at 4:12 pm on February 6, 2013 in the Office for Sustainability by Heather McGee and Bill Davis.

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Present
Participants: John Spitsbergen, Terrell Hodge, Paul Farber, Carol Weideman
Guests: Jody Brylinsky, Harold Glasser, Lottie Broadway (member), Jamie Hirsh, Kim Juwong

Approval of Agenda
The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

Open Issues

Announcements

- Parking: both sides of OfS with R Parking pass.
- Recognition of OfS Staff: Jeff Spoelstra, Matt, and Carol Noack; OIE: Jody Brylinsky, Kim Juwong, OFD: Jan Gables-Goes
- Jody Brylinsky: announced WMU has allocated funding for curricular changes for new courses related to sustainability, with a $1000 incentive for courses submitted by Oct 30, 2013.
- Heather: share about sustainability at conferences
- Terrell Hodge asked: Can she allocate her incentive money to faculty within her department?
- Dr. Mitchell Thomashow’s visit to WMU: details at www.wmich.edu/sustainability
- Bill: encourages group to utilize connections to spread the word about Dr. Thomashow and other sustainability-related events, groups, etc in order to spread awareness re: sustainability and work toward meeting our goals.
- Initial focus for StART FLC will be on curriculum; after Oct 31 curriculum deadline, focus will turn to research.

Introductions/Attendance

Sustainability at WMU

- Sustainability: environment, social justice, health and wellness
- WMU’s Strategic Plan: The University’s strategic plan is designed to encompass the comprehensive nature of the University and to be the guiding principle for every action. Goal #5: Advance social, economic, and environmental sustainability practices and policies.
- New Doctoral Associate ships geared toward sustainability reflect WMU’s dedication to moving sustainability forward.
• PUSC is the guiding committee for sustainability at WMU and has worked to create StART FLC.
• Talloires Declaration: President Dunn’s commitment to making WMU a climate neutral campus
• STARS (of AASHE) is the framework with which WMU is using to increase sustainable practices and will serve as a reference for this FLC.

The Role of StART II

• Curriculum: sustainability focused and sustainability related
  o If creating a new sustainability focused course is not feasible, incorporating sustainability into already existing courses to make sustainability related courses
• Forum to explore ideas, find funding/grant opportunities
• Will create a “common read” using articles from several sources
• Terrell Hodge: creating courses over a gradual period, being able to test, etc. would be a preferred method. Creating courses before Oct 31 might be a challenge.
• Harold Glasser: What will WMU look like 2050? What should it look like?
  o (ask Harold to email the quotes he read)

New Business

Homework

• This will be a good ignition tool for StART II. What are other institutions doing? What elements of sustainability already exist in your courses? Please see PowerPoint slides.

Please thank your deans for bringing Dr. Mitchell Thomashow to WMU.

Agenda for Next Meeting
List the items to be discussed at the next meeting.

Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned at [time] by Heather McGee and Bill Davis. The next general meeting will be at 4 – 5:40 pm on Wednesday, February 20, 2013, in the Office for Sustainability.

Minutes submitted by: Kim Juwong
Approved by: [Name]