President’s Universitywide Sustainability Committee Minutes  
November 6th, 2008

Present: Casey Barrons, Suhashi Datta-Sandhu, Paul Farber, Derek Galloway, Pat Holton, Carolyn Noack, Paul Pancella, John Patten, Chris Pyzik, Anand Sankey, Joshua Schultz, David Shoup, Barb Wygant, David Dakin Strazdas (ex officio), Lowell Rinker (ex officio), Peter Strazdas (ex officio), Harold Glasser

Welcome: David Shoup (replacing Brandi Pritchett) and Derek Galloway (subbing for Danielle Harik)

Updates

1. **Sustainability Logo Competition:** There are currently a couple of senior design classes that plan to submit logos. Casey is coordinating the competition, under the recommendation of the PUSC, with Tricia Hennessy, Director of the Design Center. Students would like some sort of recognition or an award. The PUSC would like to offer an award that is substantial and complimentary to our Committees values, however, it need not be monetary.
   - Please provide suggestions to Casey Barrons. Competition deadline is Dec. 1, with plans to announce winner at an event on Dec. 4 (or 5?). Selection will be by PUSC committee members, possibly through a web-based electronic voting system.

2. **Website Committee:**
   - Committee would like to include as many courses with as much detail as possible. Please send any updates on “Curriculum” to Harold.
   - Committee is exploring various ways to make the website more visible on the University’s homepage. Currently it is searchable and listed on the A-Z Directory.
   - Grant Opportunities—Barb Wygant provided a list, which will be updated regularly. These materials could be formatted into a chart that is featured on the website in the category of “Research”. Wygant will work with John Greenhoe to incorporate foundation grant opportunities.

Announcements

- **Local Food Feast:** Nov. 11, 6 pm, CHHS 4110, sponsored by Students for a Sustainable Earth. There will be free food, discussions on food preparation, canning/freezing, local foods, food security and the economy.

- **Badger EnviroGraphic 100% PCW, Chlorine Paper Test:** Under the leadership of the Office of Business and Finance, preliminary tests are being conducted on the 3rd floor Administration Bldg. Currently, we are researching whether Office Depot can could manage warehousing and distribution, as the paper must be purchased in truckload quantities. The goal of this study is to address whether the Badger Paper works as well or better (in terms of misfeeds, machine repair, paper dust, etc.) than the current paper offered by Office Depot. The study will continue to test the paper in various locations, especially high volume copy centers. GSAC, WSA, and Faculty Senate are encouraged to provide resolutions to adopt 100% post consumer recycled chlorine free, FSC certified paper, if testing warrants that the paper functions as well or better than the current Office Depot paper and is cost-effective.

- **EcoMug Resolution Passed by WSA:** There is support from the Western Student Association to institutionalize EcoMug for use in cafes and dining halls. There is still a need for establishing a formal agreement with Dining Services for using EcoMug in dining halls.
The use of EcoMug in the Dining Halls has been cleared with the Kalamazoo Health Inspector, given some minor modifications to softdrink machines.

- **Computer Monitor Discussion** on Sleep Mode and Screen Savers: Tabled until later.
- **Energy Competition** between residence halls was discussed. Anand will be partnering with ResLife and WSA to engage students in reducing energy consumption in residence halls. More details to come in upcoming meetings.
- **Sustainability Guide** is in Draft form—see Casey for a copy.
- **Demo electric hand dryer** to be placed in the Bernhard Center women’s restroom off the main lobby.
- **Remember to vote on logo design** when it is available. (UPDATE: we subsequently decided to contract with the WMU Design Center during the Spring semester to develop a WMU Sustainability Logo).

**Actions**

- **Dr. Paul Pancella** is appointed and approved as Vice Chair of the PUSC
- **PUSC Draft Report**: Thanks to Harold for crafting this document and to the PUSC members for their assistance and commitment.
  - The following suggestions for revisions were discussed:
    1. Place recommendations in tabular format, similar to the Talloires Declaration Action Plan.
    2. PCW paper policy date should be 4/01 and re-emphasized 9/08.
    3. Hand symbols are confusing, especially “No marked advance”. Change hand symbol to point opposite direction.
    4. Case for Strategic Initiatives—Add breaks in paragraphs for initial successes and where we are now.
    5. Indicate that numbered recommendations represent a weak prioritization.
    6. Add comment to “See Appendix 3 for complete list of initiatives.”
    7. Change Conclusion to Executive Summary—highlight top initiatives.

  * Please provide all additional comments on draft document to Glasser by Nov. 17.
  * Final draft to committee for review by Nov. 21.

- **American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment (ACUPCC)**: Harold will begin the process to put together an assessment to evaluate the feasibility and pros/cons of President Dunn signing ACUPCC, with a goal of the end of May for a final report.
  - Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) is engaged in a process of evaluating/working with several campuses nationally to explore the feasibility of meeting the ACUPCC requirements. There is an application for this process; we have a tentative agreement to be included in 2nd round if it happens and if we are interested.

**Next Meeting**

- **No December Meeting**: our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 8 at 3 pm. Harold will be sending a follow-up email with specifics.