

Sustainability Committee Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, March 15th
3-4pm@ MET 214

Attendance: Jessie, Owen, Jennifer, Joe, Zak, Ralph, Michelle, Rebecca, Laura

1) Welcome

- i. Reviewed old business and old minutes.
 - 1. Remember minutes are posted on the website.
 - 2. Welcome Back Jessie. Jessie, Committee Chair, was on medical leave since September 2017.
 - 3. Owen has filled in as interim committee chair since September 2017. Thank you, Owen!

2) New business

- i. Projects, subcommittees updates:
 - i. Sustainability Coordinator position - Zak, Michelle, Rebecca, Shannon, and Owen
After working expediently to qualify a Sustainability Coordinator, the position was not approved by the President. PAT meeting notes were not transparent on the reason for veto. Faculty, staff and students must support the initiative and importance of the position. Many feel the new student government is willing to put in more effort in diversity and sustainability, and this initiative should be student driven.

Owen reached out to Matt McCoy for recommendations for the committee. Recommendations include:

- 1. Rework the wording in the job description.
- 2. Clarifying the BlueSky energy fund language with ASCOCC.

ACTION ITEMS: reach out to ASCOCC, draft a letter of support with the faculty forum, and soften language in job description.

- 1. Proceed with FIAT for a full-time position or proceed with ASCOCC for a temporary position.
- 2. Owen will meet with Betsy Julian, VPI for further recommendations.
- 3. Owen has meeting with Betsy on March 21st to discuss the PAT committee decision. Owen also volunteered to meet with Tyler @ ASCOCC.
- 4. Zak will meet with Kevin Grove and garner faculty support.
- 5. Joe V. will talk to Dave Donan, CFO for more insight into budget roadblocks.

ii. Website – Ralph

Jessie assigned tasks for each committee member: Look at the website and review the changes and updates. Thanks to Ralph for his expedient work and effort.

- iii. Dining services, food recovery program – Owen, Laura, Callie
Focus of the Committee this year should align with the Real Food Challenge
Owen ,Callie and Laura met with Melissa Sodexo Dining Services Manager @ COCC.
 - 1. Melissa attended WAHESC at Gonzaga University and returned inspired. Dining Services will begin participating in the Real Food Challenge. This program aligns with the Sustainability Committees mission for environmental sustainability. Goal is to purchase more local and sustainable food our students with a goal of sourcing 20% local & sustainable by 2020.
 - 2. Sodexo is implementing a food recovery program. New federal legislation was passed allowing dining services to pack and donate uneaten prepared food.

ACTION ITEMS – Dining Services Contract is due in November. Committee will work on a proposal to insure sustainability initiatives are included in purchasing practices. Callie, our student representative, plans to focus on the food recovery project in coordination with dining services this summer, with the intention of getting it up and running by Fall 2017.
- iv. Second Annual Farm and Food Spring Faire – Saturday, April 15 Coats Campus Center
Posters and Fliers are available, please come and support this great event that connects, farmers, community, college, and students to local food.
- v. Centralized trash/recycling – Kevin and Owen – reduce waste, changes in signage, placement of trash and recycling containers, lower labor
Kevin works evenings so Rebecca will connect with him an follow up. Joe..Kevin does want to pursue centralized trash and recycling. Bring in a sample of centralized trash and recycling – Chemeketa just went to centralized trash, look into this or other program. Joe will take on Centralized trash and recycling and take it on the next step.
- vi. Farm-to-Work program – Owen
\$15.50 cent shares Fields Farm starting in May. No online services and fees anymore. Redmond campus will also participate this year.
- vii. Grounds project – Jennifer
Moved to next meeting.
- viii. Plans/projects established- continual progress during summer months. Moved to next meeting.
Moved to next meeting.

ii. Revisiting committee charge

iii. Other?

Jessie proposed a format for documenting projects that shows our ongoing progress, so we know the status as a committee particularly when there is change in committee membership. It was suggested that these projects be listed on the website: a current projects page. Jessie will champion sustainability curriculum throughout COCC.

3) Current budget

- i. Grand total = \$29960.96, includes Blue Sky monies (need VP Admin authorization)
 - i. 2017 Blue Ski contribution (20,000) - fiscal calendar will roll over.
- ii. Duties of committee and projects to fund?

Moved to next meeting.

4) Future meetings

- i. ACTION ITEMS: Make sure Outlook calendar is up to date and current for spring term.
Jessie will be sending meeting requests for April, May, and June.