

Sustainability Committee Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, May 17th
2:00-3:00 PM; MET 214

Members in attendance: Callie, Laura, Jennifer, Jessie, Joe, Michelle, Owen, Rebecca, Zak

- 1) Welcome
 - a. Review of minutes, old business: reviewed March minutes
- 2) New business
 - a. Projects, subcommittees updates:

Much of the meeting was spent discussing the need for a sustainability coordinator, and whether the committee should continue its recruitment endeavors.

There was a consensus that a sustainability coordinator is mandatory to maintain traction on projects.

Owen motioned to move forward the sustainability coordinator position and renew our efforts, keeping the following goals in mind:

- Garner student support: Identify a successful, possibly historic, project to rationalize the committee's efforts, survey the student body (student member to coordinate if possible, Shannon?)
- Identify directive and clarify mission: meet with administration and get counsel regarding the committee's purpose (What do you want to see us accomplish?)
- Qualify Position: meet with the President and Vice President once all information and data has been gathered and present rationale in support of coordinator position.

The following members volunteered to help with projects:

- Meet with Matt McCoy regarding COCC directive/counsel: Zak/Joe
- Financial rationale and research to present position as budget neutral: Owen/Joe
- History of the committee and its activities: Laura
- Faculty and administrative survey: Rebecca and Jessica
- Survey student body: (student needed)

- i. Sustainability Coordinator position – Zak, Michelle, Rebecca, Shannon, and Owen:
 1. Who is willing to continue to be on this subcommittee?
 2. who can take lead?
 3. where do we want to our focus? What action steps to take?Recommendations from VPI:
 - a. FIAT process (apps due early Dec, VPI would like to help)
 - b. 1-2 major projects (record/advertise results- VISIBLE)
 - expand centralized trash and recycling, energy audit, dining services food recovery...

- c. how to involve students
 - d. COCC Board buy-in; VPI would like something to share at Fall Board mtg under the category of “Student Success Initiative”
 - ii. Website – Ralph
 - 1. Please post Dec, Feb, April minutes to website
 - 2. How to utilize website and media to advertise our efforts?- VISIBLE
 - iii. Dining services, food recovery program – Owen, Laura, Callie **Food recovery program will begin in the fall with Sodexo. A student volunteer is needed to help coordinate. Funds are needed to support transportation from COCC to Bethlehem Inn, ect. Move to next meeting.**
 - iv. Centralized trash/recycling – Kevin and Owen
 - v. Farm-to-Work program – Owen
 - vi. Grounds project – Jennifer
 - b. Projects for next year: **On hold.**
 continuing/established projects- addressed above
 new projects?: to support need for sustainability coordinator position: what, timeline, support/member roles
 - c. Positions for next year:
 Faculty- CTE: Laura at end of term- no candidates applied- can you think of someone we might be able to recruit? **Eddie will bring to faculty forum for a vote. Committee would like Laura to stay on.**
 Faculty- transfer: Jessie term over- applied for another 2 year term; only candidate to apply
 Classified Rep: Rebecca- term over; do you know who will be appointed? **Jennifer one more year.**
 2 student At-Large positions: any students you want to recruit? Jessie has spoken with 1 student who has interest but was not available this past year **move to next meeting**
 - d. AASHE membership: continuation of membership? should we continue with membership? **Committee voted yes.**
 Costs? Use? Benefit? **Accreditation.**
 - e. Visiting Scholar: May 23, Kathie Dello, “Climate Change in Oregon: We’re Seeing it, but Can We Stop It?”- see attached poster in email with meeting agenda
- 3) Current budget
 - a. Grand total = \$29960.96, includes Blue Sky monies (need VP Admin authorization) **see AASHE membership above; other based on current or new project ideas; continue with renewing membership.**
 - b. Recommendations to President Metcalf:
- 4) Future meetings
 - i. **June 7th, 2:00-3:00 PM, MET 214**
 - ii. **Gillian Ockner: City Sustainability Coordinator will be at next meeting.**