

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 1 2018
11:30-12:30 PM; MOD 201
Owen, Jessica, Rebecca, Laura and Jennifer

1) Welcome

- a. Review of old business: update for sustainability coordinator position.
The proposal for the sustainability coordinator position was sent for approval. We anticipated a decision by mid to late January. Nothing has been decided. Owen mentioned that environmental sustainability is not mentioned in the college's strategic plan. The committee would like to address this omission.

2) New business:

- a. New Members: Ralph has retired from the committee. Wendy Earthsong (HIT) will be taking Ralph's place. Thank you, Ralph, and welcome Wendy. Nicole and Rob as possible student representatives.
- b. Projects, subcommittees updates:
 - i. Website – who now Ralph is off committee - Jennifer volunteered to help update web content.
 - ii. Dining services, food recovery program – Owen, Laura - 320# of food recovered and donated to Cascade Youth Services so far this year.
 - iii. Centralized trash/recycling – Kevin and Owen – The grant Kevin applied for did not go through. The committee feels like this would be a good project to focus on next year.
- c. Projects for this year: what are the projects already in place or could/need to be revisited from past years? Where are we with these? Please email Jessica by Friday, Feb.9th, with a list of current projects, and past projects. Identify if projects were successful or not successful and why.
- d. Other: 350Deschutes PCP & Jordan Cove and Clean Energy Jobs Bill Film/Action Night - Approved: sustainability committee will sponsor a place to host the film at COCC.

3) Current budget

- a. Funding Requests:
 - Request for funding COCC Dining Services food recovery program.** After getting all materials ordered, Melissa (Sodexo) emailed me in July and asked if the Sust Comm could help cover a portion of the costs for the food transportation containers. Total cost = \$924; I'd like to ask the committee to cover 50% of the cost. Asking for \$462 total. Approved. The committee will split the cost of materials up to \$462.
 - Request for funding to purchase additional Lexicon prints for Dining Hall.** Melissa, Andrew Davis (Student Life), and I have worked out an arrangement to hang 2-3 Lexicon prints in the Dining Hall each term as part of an effort to increase awareness about

sustainable food practices. I currently have 4-5 prints that are relevant to dining services, but want to purchase additional prints for future terms. I'd like to ask the committee to purchase 4-6 additional prints (\$150 each = \$600-900 total), plus lamination costs (\$150). Asking for \$750-1050 total. – **Approved. We will have a total of 7 prints to rotate throughout the year.**

Water Bottle Filters: Joe-- In the past we have installed water bottle fillers in various buildings on campus. There currently are not funds specifically set aside for these but we have received a few requests, most recently for Deschutes. Matt thought funding these efforts out of Blue Sky with Sustainability Committee approval was a valid use of those funds. Is the Committee interested in approving the installation of some water bottle fillers? The funding is there. With some additional work by the Committee, a "plaque" stating "This was provided by the COCC Sustainability Committee" or something like that, can be placed on the fountain/filler. **Approved.**

COCC Spring Farm and Food Faire: **Tentative date Sunday April 22nd.** Owen anticipates a total of 16 farmers and local producers. The committee has approved to purchase lunch for the vendors (\$250 – \$300) and approximately \$50 – \$100 for prints and flyers.

Future meetings

- i. Thursday February 15, 11:00-12:00pm

Action Items: Please email Jessica by Friday, Feb.9th, with a list of current projects, and past projects. Identify if the projects were successful, or not successful and why before the meeting on the 15th.

Agenda items: establish a consistent meeting time for students and staff for future meetings.

- ii. Tuesday March 20, 11:00-12:00pm