

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 15 2018
11:00-12:00 PM; MET 214

Jessica, Sara, Jennifer, Rebecca, Owen, Laura, Matt McCoy

1) Welcome

- a. Matt McCoy: sustainability and strategic plan
- b. Review of old business:
 - 1. update for sustainability coordinator position- Matt has no update; still in the FIAT process

Matt updated the committee on status of the sustainability coordinator request, and shared COCC's overall strategic plan.

College is cutting costs by over ½ million dollars and wants to reduce the impact on current positions. FIAT is not recommending the sustainability coordinator position for this current budget cycle.

- c. next steps?: grants?

Positions are difficult to fund with a grant.

Advises the committee to let FIAT run its course and set up a meeting with ASCOCC to discuss the use of Blue Sky Funds for the position. Language of that contract would have to change.

Strategic Plan Summary: Sustainability was not considered during the input stage and did not rise as one of the four goal areas. Sustainability falls one way or another into all four goal areas: Student Success, Equity, Collaboration, Community

Matt encouraged everyone to attend the Strategic Planning Summit to help identify initiatives which pertain to sustainability goals.

ACTION ITEM: Attend one of the Strategic plan meetings March 8th or 9th.

ACTION ITEM: Owen, Jessica, Sara to meet with Gordon to discuss protocol for proposed changes to Blue Sky fund permissions before our next meeting.

2) New business:

a. New Members: student

Welcome, Sara! Sara is a Forestry student and ASCOCC member.

b. Projects, subcommittees updates:

Move to next meeting as we ran out of time to discuss.

i. Website – Jennifer / Web site is updated. Thank you, Jennifer!

Action Item: Jennifer to add link to website.

ii. Dining services, food recovery program: – Owen, Laura

iii. COCC Spring Farm and Food Faire- Owen April 14th, 2018 .

Volunteers needed.

iv. Centralized trash/recycling – continue with a focus for next year project?

Yes.

c. Projects (past and current): energy audits; Food related projects; 350Deschutes partnership; bike stands;

d. Other: 350 Deschutes update – Committee to sponsor per Jessica.

3) Current budget

a. Funding Requests: Nothing at this time.

4) Future meetings

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

Add to next meeting agenda:

- We need a volunteer to take the lead on the following per Owen's recent email:

In order to change the student fee language we need to hold a student vote on the issue featuring at least 10% of the student body. There is an ASCOCC candidate election May 15-19 that would be convenient to piggy back on. Here's what we need to do to make that happen:

- 1) Draft a paragraph description of the voting issue for inclusion in the May ballot. Submit it to ASCOCC for review by March 15th.
- 2) Advertise the election during the month of April (Earth Day) to ensure that we get at least a 10% student body response rate.
- 3) Have a representative from the Sust Comm attend the May 16th ASCOCC Candidate Forum (Wed, 11am-1pm) to put a plug in for the vote and answer any questions from the audience.

- Volunteers needed for Food and Farm Faire, April 14th – Owen

- ChefCycle Dinner for No Kid Hungry April 4th / HDEFA / Sponsorship ?- Laura