

Sustainability Committee Meeting Summary
Sequoia Hall Room 318
November 14, 2008

Committee Members Present: Claudia Bridges, Mike Christensen (Co-Chair), Ruedi Egger, Steve Garcia, Carolyn Gibbs, Linda Hafar, Karen Hansen, Bob Hitomi, Nat Martin(no), Virginia Matzek, Hunter Merritt, Kathleen Reynolds, Ron Richardson(no) (Co-Chair), Georgina Stevenson, Kirt Stout, Walter Wallace

1. Review September 12, 2008 Meeting Summary (Note: no meeting in October):
 - A. Unanimously approved.
 - B. Ruedi Egger, Director, Dining Services was introduced.
2. Action Item Progress:
 - A. Nothing in Kirt's notes.
3. Recycling Committee Update (Kathleen Reynolds):
 - A. Conservation Corps is leaving our site and we will do our own recycling. We will be going to mixed recyclables instead of paper only.
 - 1) Comments from Committee members:
 - a) We should have posters and other promotions of the new program.
 - b) We need more bins in the high-traffic areas.
4. New-style outdoor bin recommendations (Linda Hafar & Kathleen Reynolds):
 - A. Issue: one- or two-sided bins with logo (cost difference for the second side). Cost difference between the types of concrete with the 70% recycled concrete containers being marginally more expensive.
 - B. Issue: how many to purchase and when. Kathleen proposed that we need approximately 75 sets for the entire campus. Steve Garcia offered to pay for the first 25 with the other 50 paid for by campus.
 - C. Steve Garcia recommended promoting the new program with various media and letting the campus know what sustainability efforts the campus is already involved in.
 - D. The Committee voted unanimously to purchase the containers that use 70% recycled concrete with a logo on one side only.
5. Action Task Force Creation – Formation of a Curriculum Task Force (Claudia Bridges & Virginia Matzek):
 - A. Create a task force with members recruited from the Faculty Senate. Purpose: to add sustainability requirement to the General Education curriculum.
 - 1) Claudia moved to create the charge for a task force.
 - a) Virginia clarified to add faculty members from outside the Committee.
 - b) Claudia and Virginia will co-chair the task force. They will send charge to Steve Garcia who will forward to Joe Sheley.
 - 2) The Committee voted unanimously to:
 - a) Have the President sanction the task force.
 - b) Prepare a letter explaining the task force to Dr. Hecsh.
 - i) Virginia will do this.
6. Strategic Priorities – Moving into action (Programs, Projects, Activities) (Mike Christensen):
 - A. Carolyn Gibbs spoke about redesigning the website. She would like to make it independent of Facilities Services, but still with all the links it currently has.

- 1) The Committee gave informal approval to Carolyn's proposed redesign.
- B. Mike Christensen presented ideas about promoting sustainability on the webpage using various Interactive tools, such as a sustain-o-meter. Visitors to the webpage would be encouraged to input their contributions to sustainability on the campus.
- C. Virginia Matzek asked what authority the Committee has; how the Committee compels others to do something for us.
- D. Hunter Merritt asked about asynchronous communications amongst committee members.
7. Next Meeting December 12, 2008.
8. Meeting adjourned 11:00 a.m.

This summary is a compilation of the notes taken by Kirt Stout.