

Meeting Notes
Campus Sustainability Advisory Council
February 13, 2009

Members Present: Cliff Montagne - Chair, Walt Banziger, Blake Bjornson, Jeff Davis, Jodie DeLay, Paul Gannon, Anna Greenberg, Jennifer Grossenbacher, Jack Hopkins, ASMSU, Seth Kurt-Mason, Jo Oudshoorn, Tom Wood

Members Absent: Nancy Filbin, Brad Garnick, Todd Jutila, Seth Kurt-Mason, Bruce Maxwell, Natalie Meyer, Kevin Vilkin,

Members Represented:

Guests: Hattie Baker, City of Bozeman; Rebecca Barney, FPDC; Deb Crawford, Local Food Bazaar; Jon Ford, Facilities; Josh Jane, Student; Alexey Kalinin, Student; David Klem, Facilities; Pat Kujawa, Student; Lyra Leigh-Nedbor, MSU Farm to College; Matt Lewis, Student; Candace Mastel, FPDC; Ian Sandmeyer, Student

The Campus Sustainability Advisory Council met beginning at 4:00 pm to discuss the following:

New Items

1. CSAC Activities Table – Cliff Montagne
 - o Ideas of the people who formed CSAC about where CSAC will be when the work is finished
 - o What CSAC is doing and what it could be doing
 - o How CSAC is organized
 - o How activities are selected
2. Report on Local Food Bazaar – Lyra Leigh-Nedbor and Deb Crawford
 - o More than thirty five vendors; twice the size of last year's event, over five hundred attendees
 - o Invitation extended to CSAC to play a role next year
 - o Picked up by ABC, NBC, and CBS networks and the *Bozeman Chronicle*
 - o Need more student groups from MSU next year
3. Opportunity for LEED Certification of Gaines – Walt Banziger
 - o Pursuing LEED Silver, possibly Gold
 - o Approximately \$50,000.00 for administrative costs for official certification
 - o Designed as a standard campus lab building
 - o Typically, MSU's building designs are energy efficient
 - o Presentation on LEED process for CSAC to be scheduled
 - o Josh Jane would like to schedule a presentation and panel discussion for Earth Week on Gaines and how energy efficient the buildings on campus are
4. Josh Jane introduced Jack Hopkins as the new Sustainability Chair for ASMSU
5. Campus Beautification Committee – Students Ian Sandmeyer and Alexey Kalinin
 - o Maintain contact with Candace Mastel and Jon Ford discussing ideas for projects
 - o Would like campus enhancement in relation with CSAC – as a subcommittee
 - o Would seek a nonprofit status
 - o Promote reasonable projects for students to use their skill under the guidance of Facilities Operations
 - o Jack Hopkins to meet with group, perhaps collaborate efforts with NECO
 - o Collect historical information about campus trees
 - o Restore Danforth Park
 - o Tree GIS Database
 - o Hold discussions of ongoing landscape projects
 - o Arboretum
 - o ASMSU is an avenue for the subcommittee to get going

Ongoing Items

1. Wood Biomass Meeting – Paul Gannon
 - Angela Farr of MT DNRC and Dan Stevenson, CTA architect, gave an overview presentation of wood biomass heat projects in a six state area called Fuels for Schools
 - Jeff Davis gave a presentation on the history MSU's Facility Services and their efforts
 - Farr and Stevenson to give a prospectus on what they might do on a feasibility analysis
 - Facilities has pursued energy conservation rather than spend money on feasibility studies
 - The meeting reflected different ways of utilizing wood fuel with DNRC's funding mechanism to decide whether MSU would go forward or not
 - Feedback from the council is needed
2. Pine Bark Beetle Update – Jon Ford
 - Removed 167 trees; four trees are wait and see; Facilities will try to protect the 180 trees that could be attacked with a pheromone
 - Facilities knows exactly how much water and fertilizer is used on campus; not toxic; only the minimum is used
 - Grounds is composting yard waste and all the trees that were taken down, but is not composting food; Jon can look into in-vessel composting, but MSU has limited funding by the taxpayers for the most part so Facilities must get the best deal for their money
 - A GIS system is in process on campus – inventory of trees, condition, number, value of landscape
 - Mature trees on campus are declining
 - Master Plan forces us to stop and ask questions about planting trees
 - Jon to construct a Tree Management Policy for MSU for CSAC to edit
 - Philosophy of how campus will look in the future: Will this be a tree campus or not? A native situation or an artificial environment that provides a learning environment; maybe this is a decision for a subcommittee, such as the Campus Beautification Committee
 - Knowing what's being done; seeing what needs to be done; marketing what is being done
3. Sustainability Website – Jody DeLay
 - It is public now
 - Jody is gatekeeper of what goes on the website
 - Must drive people to the site
 - People need to send finished material, links and updates to a direct connect
 - Subcommittees must be listed there
4. Sustainability Lunch Concept
 - Taken on by Students - Monthly with different focuses for each one
 - March would be an overview by NECO, curriculum, what's happening on campus
 - April would be MSU as a research institution
 - Speakers to include Extension Services, Facilities Operations, Food Services, Professional Council of Development, Student Body, Energy Conservation, Administration
 - Wendy Weaver, Inherent Inc., leads an informal group of professional engineers, designers, and architects in the area which has five subcommittees that try to enhance and influence public policy throughout the valley in order to create sustainability on a larger level through land development codification for things from solar panels to waste water treatment; this group is also available to facilitate or be involved in luncheons
 - Film it
5. Gallatin Earth Celebration 2009 is underway
6. Energy use by desktop computers is going on and looking positive
7. Reviewing our Charge left to next month

This meeting was adjourned at 12:05

Respectfully submitted,

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