

Meeting Notes
Campus Sustainability Advisory Council
January 12, 2009

Members Present: Cliff Montagne - Chair, Walt Banziger, Blake Bjornson, Jeff Davis, Jodie DeLay, Nancy Filbin, Paul Gannon, Brad Garnick, Jennifer Grossenbacher, Todd Jutila, Natalie Meyer, Jo Oudshoorn, Kevin Vilkin, Tom Wood

Members Absent: Anna Greenberg, Josh Jane, Seth Kurt-Mason, Bruce Maxwell,

Members Represented:

Guests: Hattie Baker, City of Bozeman; Robert Lashaway, Facilities; David Klem, Facilities; Matt Lewis, Student; Storm Shirley, Gallatin County Recycling

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

New Items

1. CSAC monthly meetings for Spring Semester will be 10:30 am – 12:00 pm every second Friday of the month.
2. Hattie Baker has been contracted to lead a task force of community stakeholders to compile a Community Climate Action Plan. The task force will use a community emissions inventory to develop an emissions reduction goal and make recommendations for meeting that goal.
 - o First phase was a one year Municipal Plan
 - o Second phase is a two year Community Plan
 - o She is seeking a student intern; maybe on a semester by semester basis to work with the Community at large and then with the task force
 - o Hattie is also seeking a representative from CSAC to work on the task force in August for one year
 - o The Municipal Action plan can be found online at Bozeman.net
 - o Hattie can be reached at bakerhattie@aol.com
3. *Bozeman Chronicle* reported bicycle commuters can receive a tax free Federal reimbursement for some of their bicycle expenses (Fringe Benefit Legislation).
 - o In reality, it is an employer reimbursement
 - o MSU is a nonprofit organization (no taxable implications)
 - o MSU would be paying \$20 per month per employee with zero benefits for MSU from a taxation perspective
 - o MSU has no plans to put this Initiative in place
4. Fuels for Schools, Paul Gannon and Jenny Grossenbacher report
 - o Dave Atkins represents Forrest Service in Missoula; Biomass Energy Systems Projects
 - o Requesting to present details to this council
 - o Jeff Davis has looked into this: MSU's surrounding slow growing trees make it unfeasible
 - o Jeff Davis, Paul Gannon, and Jenny Grossenbacher to compare notes and make a tentative recommendation
5. A Webinar - *Three Simple Steps to a Carbon Neutrality Plan*, February 26, 2009, 11:00 pm – 12:30, Burns Telecommunication Center, EPS Room 127

Ongoing Items

1. Storm Shirley, Gallatin County Recycling, discussed the upcoming e-waste event for April
 - o Looking for 20-40 committed volunteers; April 16 and 18, 2009, from 9 am – 2 pm at the Fair Grounds
 - o The 16th for local businesses and the 18th for the public
 - o Sixty percent of e-waste for the State of Montana comes from Gallatin County
 - o Seventy percent of Gallatin County e-waste comes from MSU
 - o The County drop off is in Logan; convenience site in Bozeman
 - o The County would like to secure a trailer on site at MSU for after the event to accumulate MSU e-waste
 - o Brad Garnick is interested in the recycling aspect; MSU receives 1,200 new machines a year

- Logistics would be handled by Facilities
 - MSU would only pay half the shipping to the vendor in Oregon or California, approximately \$250 for a 52 foot truck
 - A computer serial number can be tracked all the way through to a reusable commodity with great detail for a thorough paper trail
 - Email questions to storm@montana.edu, or by phone (503)351-2580
2. Natalie Meyer reminded everyone that the Gallatin Earth Celebration and MSU Sustainability Forum is going to be April 20 – 25.
- Part occurs at MSU
 - Speakers and leaders in sustainability
 - Mark Lakeman with City Repair: Intersection Repair Program for a community feel and to slow down traffic would be a good project for student involvement to start before the Gallatin Earth Celebration and would be coordinated with Facilities Planning
 - Conversation on Climate Action Plan will get local leaders to share experiences and allow the community to give input
 - The first Climate Action Plan was held last year at the County Court House
 - Natalie Meyer will let the group know about CSAC's interest
3. Sustainable printing follow-up
- Cliff Montagne related that Bruce Maxwell got a different story of printer recycling regarding the company that gave a presentation to CSAC at a prior meeting
 - This version is best shared by email
4. K-6 Outreach and Communications Strategy
- Three Principles of local Elementary Schools in Bozeman were contacted
 - End of January dates to speak to fifth grade classes with the focus on recycling
 - Fifth graders do the announcements in the morning
 - A half hour block of time with each class
 - Hopefully go again for Earth Week
 - Incorporate a mobile green house in April
5. NECO and ASMSU Plans
- Sustainability Curriculum Subcommittee
 - Major for Sustainable Food/Bioenergy
 - Agroecology (Department of Land Resources and Environmental Sciences)
 - Sustainable crop production (Department of Plant Science and Plant Pathology)
 - Sustainable food systems (Department of Health and Human Development)
 - And hopefully by Fall, Sustainable and Renewable Energy System (College of Engineering)
 - Environmental gatherings on campus Wednesday nights in the Spring in the Procrastinator Theater
6. Beetle Tree Management Plan
- Bruce Maxwell represented CSAC on a tour of the campus in December with a group to look at 200 trees chosen to come down
 - Over half way done now
 - Chips are to be composted on campus near nursery area
 - Input by CSAC is requested by the end of February on replacement trees

This meeting was adjourned at 5:10

Respectfully submitted,

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