Facilities Services Advisory Committee (OFSAC)
Minutes – February 28, 2008

Members Present: Larry Baker, Chair, Allen Bertelsen, Robert Carson, Jim Rimpau, Melanie Stocks, Sandy Sward

Members Absent: Heidi Gagnon, Sandy Gagnon, Rick Hixson, Chris Jenkins, Jennifer Joyce, Ed Sondeno

Others Present: Sue Becker, Jeff Butler, Jeff Davis, Jon Ford, Robert Lashaway

1. Approval of Minutes – November 29, 2007
Bertelsen moved to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on November 29, 2007, as submitted. Rimpau Seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

2. Recycling Update
Ford provided copies of a paper entitled “Recycling Challenges in Rural Areas,” in which he discusses some of the recycling issues that the Bozeman community and MSU are facing. Ford advised that there is a new group of dedicated students interested in recycling on campus. They have met with Cliff Montagne, the new sustainability coordinator and are now in the process of putting together a business plan. Two years ago, a request for a $1.00 fee to fund the recycling effort failed to pass the ASMSU Senate. ASMSU has indicated that they would like to be involved but that the previous request was too rushed. The students hope to have their plan ready to submit in the fall.

3. Integrated Energy Solutions Proposal
Davis provided background information regarding a proposal presented to Facilities by Integrated Energy Solutions (IES), a consulting firm which performs energy audits. IES works by bringing a resource conservation specialist into the university, getting to know the university and its people, and then designing a behavior-based conservation program to minimize waste and still protect comfort. They have worked with the University of Utah, and Idaho State University, both with good results. The cost of the program is paid entirely from the savings generated and is a percentage of the savings up to a cap. The remainder of the savings would go to the university, which Facilities would like to see used to create a sustainability fund. Committee members questioned how the cost of the program would be affected in the event of a utility rate increase. Davis advised that this issue would need to be resolved before signing a contract. At the Committee’s request, Rimpau agreed to also look at the contract from a Budget Committee standpoint.

Carson made a Motion to move forward with due diligence and a fact finding investigation and report back to the Committee. Stocks Seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved by the Committee.
The Chair noted that Carson filled in at the beginning of the meeting during the absence of the Chair. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Morrison
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