

## **Minutes**

### **Advisory Council for Sustainability and Stewardship- General Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday September 12, 2013: 12:10pm-1:10pm**

#### **College Hall**

*In attendance: Brian Henning, Ann Ostendorf, Danielle Moorhouse, Sarika Khanwilkar, Lexie Yoder, Taylor Blackburn, Katie Crum, Kaitlin Van Volkom, Amy Jamsa, Grace LeValley, Kyla Anderson, Greg Gordon, Gary Chang, Nicole Bejar, Caroline Fu, Dan Bradley, Todd Dunfield, Jackie Van Allen, Erica Johnson, Stasia Wendlinder, Mara London, Lisa Miklush, Heather Crandall, Chuck Faulkinberry, Steve Lunden, Ken Sammons, and Tim Hatcher*

1. Introductions
2. Henning: brief history of ACSS and its purpose
3. Ongoing projects status updates

#### **Director of Sustainability**

- Looking to have hired a director by Spring '14
- The ACSS will still be involved and actively engaged even after a director is hired

#### **Zag Dining**

- Sinto Meal Plan purchased by off campus students allocates \$50 per plan purchased to a "green fund." Money raised from last year is being donated to the ACSS where it is in a budget line that will carry over from year to year.
- This fund is available to support sustainability initiatives on campus.

#### **Green Fund**

- Fund for students by students for sustainable projects, students must appeal for money through GSBA
- Currently the green fund has a pilot fund given by last year's VP of student life
  - Action Item: Find out amount of pilot from GSBA

#### **Orientation (Strategy 2.3)**

- Implemented sustainability concepts and practices into new student orientation
  - Academics: CAP mentioned at academic convocation and President McCulloh's talk to new students
  - Co-curricular: GSBA water bottle and GSBA President Draxler talked to students about sustainability, O-core blog gave sustainability hints, Zag Dining contributions
  - Operations: RHA sporks
- Great success!

#### **MarCom**

- Outsourcing to contracted designer
- President will tentatively pay for...
  - Info graphic of CAP
  - Overhaul of website
  - Creating logo representing sustainability work at GU

#### **Sustainability across the Curriculum**

- Diffuse concepts into pre-existing classes throughout the university

- Have summer curriculum workshops for faculty by May 2015
- Proposal by Henning Use
  - Sustainability Faculty Fellow
  - Sustainability Interns
  - Cataldo Project - summer curriculum workshop
    - Models: Emory and USD workshops on how to create sustainability across curriculum
  - Director of Sustainability\*
- Goal: building relationships with faculty to participate in workshops and start incorporating into curriculum
- Create Center to unify curricular and operational initiatives vertically

### **St. Francis Pledge**

- Will invite President to sign
- Pledge is in line with our identity as a Jesuit institution
- Create event around feast day of St. Francis, Oct. 4
  - Action Item: Stasia Wendliner will be facilitating an event around the Feast of St. Francis using materials from the Catholic Climate Coalition

### **Revolving Fund**

- Henning will meet with Joe Smith (Finance) and Ken Sammons (Plant)
- Concept: take money saved from energy efficiency projects and reinvest in future sustainable projects

### **Transportation Master Plan**

- Long term project for reducing overall carbon footprint for university and increase livability of adjacent community
- Henning and Dunfield will meet with EVP Martin soon

### **Logan Community**

- Faculty/Staff housing near campus (strategy 3.17)
  - Enabling more community involvement
  - Models: Princeton, Stanford, Oberlin...
  - Offer incentives to faculty/staff to live in Logan
  - Henning will be attending a Logan Neighborhood meeting
  - Long term project

## 4. Upcoming events

### **Campus Sustainability Day**

- October 23, 2013
- Facilitator needed
- See <http://campussustainabilityday.org/> for more details

## 5. ACSS Sub-Committees

- Curricular (Henning)- faculty
- Co-Curricular (Dunfield)- faculty/staff/students
- Operations (Gordon)- faculty/staff/students
- Email will be sent out requesting members to choose a committee
  - Groups within the committees will form and tackle individual projects