

Minutes

Advisory Council on Sustainability and Stewardship

Tuesday, April 8 2014

Jepson Center, Room 014

In Attendance: Brian Henning (co-chair), Ann Ostendorf (co-chair), Danielle Morehouse, Lisa Miklush, Gary Chang, Annabelle Schmitz, Grace LeValley, Kaitlin Van Volkom, Lexie Yoder, Mandy Silva, Conner House, Johnny Draxler, Anastasia Wendlinder, Sima Thorpe, Judy Biggs-Garbuio, Nick Ford, Susanne Croft, Jackie VanAllen, Mara London, Claudia Bucciferro, Dan Bradley, Michael Treleaven, Tim Hatcher, Andrew Palmer, Chuck Faulkinberry, Todd Dunfield, Satish Shrestha, and Maoulay Adjorlolo

Presentations

- VP Judy Biggs-Garbuio - 2014 Spokane Transit Authority, Universal Transit Access Pass Program
 - See attached presentation pdf
 - Attached through id card, able to track who is utilizing the bus pass
 - Full Pledge would be capped \$62,969. No budget allocation for next FY.
 - Those interested in helping to pursue bus pass transportation please contact Greg Gordon, head of the operations sub-committee

- Sima Thorpe - Asset Based Community Development: Community Asset Mapping Initiate-
 - Founded at Northwestern University- local people and their associations build strong communities, neighborhood based focusing on current strengths
 - This approach focused on what the gifts and assets of the neighborhood, grassroots and relationship based (community development via person to person)
 - Project Goal: create a community assets map of targeted neighborhoods to guide strategic planning for community development, partnering, and revitalization
 - Gonzaga Neighborhood MAPS project- map the area that is around the Logan Neighborhood and spread to the northeast neighborhoods
 - Hoping to begin 18 month long mapping project starting this summer
 - Anyone interested please contact Sima Thorpe (Thorpe@gonzaga.edu)

- *(Postponed)* Jim Jones, Dir. Of IT Operations: software ideas/options that could be used to affect print behavior
 - Technology that offers feedback on printing behavior within the university
 - Update to come via email

Updates

- Director of Sustainability
 - Hiring Committee- Brian Henning, Ken Sammons, Jon Isacoff, Raymond Reyes, Chance Wilcox, and Caitlin Grant.
 - Very wide range of candidates (139 applicants)
 - Inviting 3 candidates to campus for interviews this semester
 - Opportunities will be available to students, staff, and faculty to interact with candidates when they are on campus

- ACSS Constitution revision is being pursued by the ACSS Steering Committee

- University Accreditation Report
 - Circulated via ACSS-L email
 - Ann and Brian to meet with accreditor

- GreenFit Challenge Idea (Stephen Allen, Kris Morehouse, Jackie Van Allen)
 - Need both staff and faculty participation
 - Trying to setup of the summer so those of you in town that are willing to help please contact Stephen
 - Email will be sent out with more description of program and responsibilities of participants

- Operations Sub-Committee (via email)
 - Energy Efficiency: ENVS 499 students are working with Ken and Thompson to coordinate with the senior design course in computer science to develop a smart phone app or software for an energy dashboard system.
 - Judi is currently soliciting input as what sustainably practices to include in the first year experience, such as dorm competitions, etc.
 - Stephen, Chris, and Jackie are working on developing an employee Green Fit Challenge.
 - Transportation: Greg met with Judi to discuss the STA bus pass program, which might need some modification especially regarding funding.
 - Purchasing: Steve is developing a comprehensive list of sustainability practices

- Co-Curricular Sub-Committee (via email)
 - *Members Present: Gary Chang, Chuck Faulkinberry, & Todd Dunfield*
 - 3 Major Charges of the Committee
 - Orientation – New Manager of First Year Experience hired (Kelly Alvarado) begins 4/7. The ACSS will need to try and meet with her in her first weeks.
 - Green Fund- Awaiting Update from GSBA, no new movement on this project. Is it possible to add the new DOS (Director of Sustainability) into a supervisory role to this project.
 - Service Learning & Integrative Learning Opportunities

- Greg Gordon & Todd Dunfield met on 3/24 to discuss Service Learning opportunities in his courses (ENVS 499) and other ENVS courses.
- Gary Chang updated the committee on his Friday lab planting trees in the Holmberg Conservation Futures property
- Synergies may exist around certain areas (Proposed Scotchman Peaks, North Cascades National Park, Conservation Futures Properties) for collaboration between Student Development (CCASL & GU Outdoors) as well as academics (ENVS and BIO)