

## Minutes

### Advisory Council on Sustainability and Stewardship

Tuesday October 14, 2014

### Jepson Center, Room 014

*In Attendance: Hailey Fitterer, Alaina Kowitz, Jon Thorpe, Molly Picha, Mari Schramm, Carine Sidhom, Ann Ostendorf, Caitlin Grant, Steven Whitfield, Cathy DeHart, Ira Ford, Cherly Kaine, Dan Harris, Jim Simon, Jackie Van Allen, Kris Morehouse, Tim Hatcher, Ken Sammons, Charlie Lassiter*

### Announcements

- Sustainability App (comp sci capstone project)
  - Trenton, Lucas, Kyle, Jake
  - Provide an app for students to buy and sell items from other students
  - Gonzaga exclusive
  - For iOS
  - Promotes reuse of items like furniture, textbooks, and other college supplies
  - Use of sustainability twitter board
  - In house and in community to reduce external waste
  - **ACTION:** If anyone has ideas or feedbacks email [lorlita@zagmail.gonzaga.edu](mailto:lorlita@zagmail.gonzaga.edu)
- Earth Games (Mari Schramm)
  - ACSS put on a 'game' at event that is focused on sustainable concepts and practices
  - Sign-up sheet passed around asking for volunteers
  - November 8, outside, times TBA
- Green Fund Update (Caitlin Grant)
  - First committee meeting this Thursday from 4-5.
  - Ann Ostendorf is ACSS advisor to Green Fund Committee
  - Applications for Green Funds will be available next week for projects this semester
- Gonzaga School of Business will be presenting a Sustainability Minor to academic counsel this week.

### DoS Report (Jim Simon)

- New Zip Car in Coughlin Lot
- La Tomatina- held by GSBA, cultural event where people throw tomatoes at each other. Made sustainable by working with Dan Harris and our grounds crew to offset waste
- Green Fund
- Partnering with Zag Dining to promote green and local issues
- SEAS
- Campus Gardens- student group working with GEO
- GU Outdoors- green office
- Climate Action Plan Microsite is progress, looking to have the site release in the next few weeks
- Website under reconstruction

- Social Media- increased “like” by 34% since August
  - Carnival Cura Personalis
  - Instagram Account
- Greater Spokane Incorporated
  - Representing GU on the environment an transportation, infrastructure, and energy committees
  - Green economy event
- Green Drinks- environmental ‘green’ idea sharing at
- AASHE 2014
  - Dan Harris, Jim Simon, and Greg Gordon to attend. Dan and Greg to present
- Columbia Basin Conference

### Sub Committee Reports

- Community/Culture
  - Green Fund
  - Earth Games
  - Green Office Certification
  - Green Graduation Pledge
- Carbon
  - Reduce carbon emissions per square foot of campus space, however our campus is expanding...
  - Looked at inventory of how much carbon is stored on campus based on the trees around campus
  - Possible survey of staff on use of public transit
- Curriculum
  - Center for teaching and advising put on a workshop (2hr) on incorporating sustainability concepts and practices into coursework
    - Is this useful for our faculty, for those who have little to no knowledge on sustainability?
    - Can it come from the AVP office? Might be more impactful
    - Plan it out this year so that next year we are ready to go!
    - Provide resources outside of a workshop that faculty could go to and find references
    - **ACTION:** reach of to Dean Anderson of the Business school to focus concepts/practices
  - Service Learning Class in May that might have sustainability spin on it
  - Reach out to career center to see how they approach student with interests in sustainability
- Communication
  - Overseeing what is going on with newsletter and websites both by Sustainability at Gonzaga and Zag Dining by Sodexo
  - Getting word out on Reforest Spokane (October 25), Spokane River Clean Up (November 22), and working with lands council

How to increase effectiveness of subcommittee communication between sub committees and Dos? (Jim Simon)

- Use of sharepoint site to better communicate and idea share
- Use of calendar on sharepoint site so that every know what going on
- Chairs take initiative to start discussions
- Visit: [gonzagau.sharepoint.com/teams/adhoc/acss/](http://gonzagau.sharepoint.com/teams/adhoc/acss/)

How can we increase attendance at ACSS meetings?

- Use of morning mail to open up room and invite people
- Find people in leadership roles around campus to get conversation rolling
- Food
- Awareness campaign in the BARC?
- Create programs within Gonzaga where employees can use 2 hour paid community service