

Minutes

Advisory Council on Sustainability and Stewardship

Tuesday December 9, 2014

Jepson 014, 12:10pm-1pm

Green Fund

- Renee is new chair of Green Fund, leadership of GF
- 5 proposals
- Fund (or partially fund) 4 of 5
- All next semester
- Projects will be sent to ACSS
 - 2 student interns to do real food calculations
 - campus garden
 - compost program
 - plants in classrooms (4 different plants)
- apps released in early January
- tweak apps for next semester, with more information
- due date is around late January (before Feb 1)

Sub-Committees Update/ Plans for Spring

- **Carbon**- 2 initiatives for next semester 1) reduce paper usage through duplex printing and automatic shut off on computers, 2) carbon storage on trees in campus in current lab classes with students, carbon storage estimate by the end of next semester with given tree inventory, students will remeasure trees on campus on regular intervals because as trees grow they request carbon, certified arborist on campus (Chris), Whitworth does Carbon credits--may model off of them
- **Culture**- Not present.
- **Curriculum**- research/connections on specific standings, pursue for next semester: 1) outreach with professors working for freshman seminars, sustainability into curriculum, etc. 2) sustainable internships in career center, or in job market around spokane, 3) organize discussion groups around sustainability to bring faculty/staff/students, not sure how yet
- **Communications**- 1) paying attention to news about sustainability (spokane, national, world), practical applications 2) another set of eyes/feedback on sustainability web page. Next semester: 1) Christina Turner for survey to faculty/staff/students about they are interested in hearing, to tailor communications accordingly, 2) monthly newsletter about sustainability, another set of eyes on this as well

AASHE

- Greg
 - Encourage anyone who is interested to go to the next one

- Following current climate talks in Lima, Peru in UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change)
- 2014 is warmest year on record
- IPCC no longer considers the 2 degree rise as an achievable threshold
- Looking at adaptation rather than reducing CO2 levels now
- AASHE conference was optimistic and uplifting
- Annie Leonard (Story of Stuff) is talking about thinking beyond campuses for college, flexing citizen muscle not consumer muscle
 - Purchasing power
 - Landfill
 - Divestments
- Workshops focused on curriculum and divestments at AASHE
- Curriculum for the Bioregion Initiative-- great resource, sharing ideas such as sharepoint
- Journal of Sustainability Education-- great resource
- Workshops subjects: Sustainability competencies, linked courses, Hogan--sustainability leadership program, sustainability studies vs. enviro studies, sustainability pathways course, reading group, climate change is an adaptive challenge

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- Has gone before, but this year was in a new region and new role
- Listening Project Updates: fill roles in advisory positions
- Co-curricular internship opportunities (Portland State, UVM, Charleston--mentorship and job training)
- Green Funds-- engage awardees as ambassadors
- WAHESC and SPNR Regional group
- Jim is now a co-chair for the sustainability partnership of the Northern Rockies
- 2015-- Minneapolis AASHE, cobranded with Club de Madrid, a group of former heads of states of world nations, work with AASHE as they are there at same place/time
- Notes on sharepoint

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- Found the conference very beneficial
- Focused on dinning efforts
- Trying to expand off of link (local purchasing)
- Meeting with representative of marine stewardship council to make GU the first University in WA to become marine steward certified
- Got info about bins to help out with zero waste on Mac

Office of Sustainability

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- Curriculum

- Decanal visits- met with all the deans to introduce the department for potential synergies
- Campus
 - Sodexo Better Future Summit- attended and learned about Sodexo's commitment on Sustainability
 - STA conversations- continue the relationship with STA, moving routes, getting passes, advertising
 - Hemmingson Tour-- will schedule one for ACSS
 - Green Fund-- impressed with funds
 - Carbon offsets conversation-- Whitworth took initiative and are looking at local carbon offsets
 - Recycling Facility Tour- 8 took tour of single stream recycling facility last week, good learning experience, do one every semester
 - Electric Vehicle Charging Stations- potential opportunities
 - Zero Waste Game Days- having those conversations now
- Culture
 - Sustainability roundtable-- Monthly
 - Green drinks-- Thursday at 5:30 pm, sustainability networking hours at No-Li, meet and talk with GU/STA/Sodexo
 - West side visit- going there for 3 days to visit UPS, UW, Evergreen, etc.
 - Hailey-- Discussed Fellow tour last week
- Communications
 - Final Microsite edits- pdf on sharepoint, there with a note
 - Newsletter, coming in April- to assist in working on communications, once a month throw efforts into how we communicate sustainability
 - Web Editing-- continual work

Carbon Footprint Update

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- Scope 1, Scope 2, and Scope 3 for emissions
- Table breakdown on GU's scopes
- Table breakdown even further
- Bar Chart of Gonzaga's Total Utility Emissions
 - 3,211 MTCDE (by 16%)
- ACUPCC Date
 - reduce footprint of gross emissions per square foot by 4.7% since 2013, 15 % of emissions in the net 5 years
 - Initiatives are measurable, impact full, and enduring
- Scope 1, 2, and 3 projects listed
- Mara- water is missing from scopes
- Solar installation interest and conversations are on-going trying to figure out the best way of implementing at GU

Time for Conversations