**Sustainability Advisory Council Minutes**

Attending: Andrea Norris, David Dodson, Marianne Vydra, Brian Laird, Brigitte Cluver, Emily Bowling, Brandon Trelstad, Lucas Friedrichsen, Anita Azarenko, Viviane Simon-Brown

New members include: Peg Herring, Extension and Experiment Station Communications and representing Faculty Senate, and Sonja Mae from the Sustainability Office

Announcements from:

* Brandon – Bike Friendly Universities Designation *(embargoed until March 28)*
* Andrea – RecycleMania Update
* Brandon – Infrastructure updates, including federal stimulus projects
* Brandon – Blog and website updates
* Brandon – FY11 GHG Emissions Inventory, FY 11 findings overview
  + Marianne – concerned with athletics’ emissions especially with the need to travel more. Wants to know if there is a way to offset their emissions
  + Would like to see institutionalized carbon offsetting for all air travel
  + Vivian – REC purchase should continue
* DHE Student Angela Wartes - Sustainable Textiles Symposium funded by SSI

STARS

* Brandon asked for ideas from the council for more STARS innovation credits. Credits must be unique overall or to the region. Also, prospective projects/programs seeking innovation points must be institutionalized.
  + Sustainability Textile Symposium – consider for FY 12
  + **Sustainability Double Degree – Viviane will follow up**
  + **Art About Ag – Vivian will follow up**
  + **Biodiesel Cart – Brandon will follow up with Nathan Hinkle**
  + **Food Pantry – Emily will follow up**
* Course review update from Sonja
  + **Sonja will bring a rough draft of the new policy back to the SAC after meeting with the curriculum council**

Zero Waste Initiative Overview (by Andrea)

* Need 90% waste diversion rate or higher to be considered zero waste
* Will take a survey on barriers to recycling. Marianne offered 2 football tickets to encourage participation especially from the male population to ensure a gender balanced survey, which has been a challenge in athletics

Oregon Model for Sustainable Development (by Mikkel VandeBergh, SSI)

* Basic concept is to offset new emissions from added campus square footage (growth) by doing conservation and efficiency projects in existing buildings. Carbon savings from conservation and efficiency projects in existing buildings must meet or exceed emissions from new development. University of Oregon has established the concept at their campus, but has yet to close the loop on new projects and tie them to conservation/efficiency projects. Link: <http://uplan.uoregon.edu/subjects/Sustainability/OMSD/OMSDHomepage.htm>
* Questions to answer
* How much should new projects pay into the mitigation fund? What percentage of construction budget? The UO model dictates a 90/10 split, where 90% of the funding for conservation/efficiency projects comes from a central energy fund (campus general fund) and 10% comes from the new development project budget. What should be OSU’s split?
* Where should the supplementary funds come from? General fund?
* Which buildings should be included? Do we need to separate auxiliaries into a separate carbon/funding bank, or can they be combined with general-funded buildings/projects
* How should we consider exemptions?
* SSI and OSUSO will follow up with the Council during the next meeting

Sustainability Guiding Principles

* **Committee members will review handouts and report feedback in 2 weeks**
* Viviane recommended that Emily keep evolving the principles from the Themes
* **Brandon will send link to the policy page with the 2004 Sustainability statement:** [**http://oregonstate.edu/sustainability/planpolicy**](http://oregonstate.edu/sustainability/planpolicy)