Sustainability Advisory Council Minutes

5-16-12

SAC to provide opportunities for conferences and trainings.

* [Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education 2012 – in L.A. in Oct](http://conf2012.aashe.org/).
* [International Sustainable Campus Network – in Eugene in June](http://www.international-sustainable-campus-network.org/conferences/2012-iscn-symposium.html)
* Interested parties should contact Brandon

Report from Marianne – Questions about leveraging their contract with compostables

* Goal – all compostables for all athletic events
* Sodexho contract is about to end in June 2014
* The contract is concise and doesn’t really cover operations at this level of detail so new language would need to be created
* All compostable materials need to be accepted by the local receiving facility and to have the appropriate receptacles available
* WRT the contract, all or nothing with compostables
* It would not just be Reser but also Gill Coliseum and Goss Stadium, and the latter two have outside vendors so that would need to be coordinated as well
* Request for proposal language from other schools might be helpful to get started
* **Andrea will assist by providing some contact information for good schools with which to do some benchmarking. Marianne and crew will do the benchmarking.**

Update from Viviane – Double Degree Program – extra 36 credits on top of any other degree

* Students can take classes in Bend, but want to build capacity on main campus
* A live video stream will connect the Cascades campus to Corvallis
* Initiative has been approved, but lacks funding

Peg Herring - Executive Committee for Faculty Senate

* Presentation by a member of the City-OSU Collaboration traffic and parking workgroup - Goal sounded like it was to build a parking garage
* Wonders if committee appropriately represented?
* Brandon is on the committee – discussed demand management and alternative modes. Confirmed that a new parking structure is not currently being considered.
* The group noted additional bike parking is needed throughout campus
* **Brandon will mention to the workgroup to look into possibilities about transportation for 200+ students that are in Lebanon. Brandon will also send Peg the work plan for the traffic and parking workgroup.**

Brigitte gave a report on the Sustainable Textiles Symposium. Was a success with over 200 attendees. Want to work with other colleges/universities in the future to speak at the symposium. Some SAC members attended the symposium and gave positive feedback.

Andrea – Residence hall move out is coming up.  **Need volunteers on 6/14, 6/15 and 6/18.** More at <http://tiny.cc/helpmoveout2012>

* Lucas – Greening IT doing some awareness raising, working on lab efficiency and other things.  Server consolidation in the data centers - They are **anticipate** upwards of 50% energy savings through server consolidation! Improved scalability and flexibility. Incentives from power companies for virtualization.
  + Article in Campus Technology about the Cloud computing, purchasing - impacts related to the Cloud and how OSU is using the “cloud."
  + Viviane asked about whether if there was any research being done on better batteries for servers

Brian – Updated on SSI interviews/hiring and other projects including green roofs, composting, bike share and interest in a new PAC class focused on bicycling.

Sonja gathered more feedback from the committee on sustainability principles and course review.

* Input included:
  + Capturing the process elements is difficult. Sticking with learning outcomes and principles might be easier.
  + There are so many assignments during the term, it might be hard to assess some of this
  + Systems thinking tools could themselves be the learning outcomes
  + Templates are provided by departments so if we provide yet another template, they might conflict or complicate the syllabi review/creation process
* Overall the Western Australia principles look like they are very close to what we need.
* **Sonja will send Sustainability and Principles and Criteria to Brigitte** to send out to other faculty to infuse sustainability in curriculum and influence format of the syllabi to make the course review process easier.
* **Brigitte and Viviane will send Sonja a copies of their syllabi**

The group agreed a late July meeting would be appropriate. **Brandon will send a doodle in the next few weeks.**