**Sustainability Advisory Council Meeting - November 29, 2012**

1. **Updates:  (20 min)**
   1. Reusable bag design contest
   2. Repair fairs… (surplus)
      1. Bring in volunteers that offer any kind of repairs.
      2. Someone from apparel design?
      3. Knife and scissor sharpeners for training?
      4. Helpdesk to offer people for computer repair? - Lucas talk to Andrea
   3. Electronics recycling
      1. November 15th…
   4. Recycling competition
   5. Composting is offered to departments on campus…
      1. Empty interior bin into an exterior container on a regular basis
      2. Lucas inform the Library sustainability group
   6. EcoReps
      1. Pilot program this year - 3 this year.  1 in these halls - Cauthorn, Wilson, West
      2. Institutionalize sustainability characteristics for students in the dorms.
         1. Composting
         2. Energy civil war
   7. SSI
      1. Bike loan program
         1. Launches at the start of winter term
      2. Mushroom culture
      3. Worm bin program
   8. Center for Civic Engagement
      1. Homelessness awareness events
      2. Hunger awarenesss
      3. Food packing projects
      4. Non-perishable food drive
      5. 8th annual career event
         1. Donation for business clothes
   9. Greening IT
      1. 400 physical servers virtualized
         1. Explain virtualization
         2. About 1/2-2/3 of the way done with Information Services servers.
         3. Blackboard did not slow down at the beginning of this term like it has during previous fall terms.
      2. Print savings/reduction
         1. UHDS has implemented some paper saving methods as part of Greening IT
            1. Willing to share what worked for UHDS, it may not work for other departments
            2. Brian Staffenson is the contact and is willing to give talks/share ideas of 30 minutes - 1 hour on the topic.
      3. Campus Printing TaskForce
         1. Comprised to look at solutions that will work to assess how students print and use those resources, ideally reduce the amount of printing students do.
         2. Same group is looking at solutions for Staff/faculty - campus wide solutions
      4. UHDS
         1. Created UHDS sustainability committee
            1. A group looking at mechanical sustainability

Toilet flushers, Light bulbs, electrical reduction, sorting unused metals, recycling has produced $18,000 return in 3 years

* + 1. New request software
       1. For IS
       2. Looking at a campus wide implementation for interested groups…
  1. Forestry/Extension
     1. Retiring at the end of the term. Seeks to invite a qualified individual to replace her.
     2. Blogger for OPB – EcoTrope
* Cassandra Profita <http://ecotrope.opb.org/> - OPB Ecotrope blog
* Blogging about Environmental stuff (she is good and balanced)
* She’s always looking for good sustainability info & ‘experts’ when questions arise. Very balanced reporting. Also fun to work with.
  + 1. Sustainable community non-credit course
  1. SSI
     1. Closed project grant applications last Sunday
     2. Funded the first revolving fund project
        1. A lab on campus - retrofitting hot water
  2. Sustainability office
     1. Ground mounted solar arrays
        1. Fish lab on highway 34
           1. 2-2.5 acres
        2. Campus way and 53rd
           1. 1.5 acres
        3. Predicting a January go live date
        4. 450,000 Kw
        5. Large site
           1. 35th and campus way - 6 acres
     2. EV charging stations are complete
     3. DriveLess Connect ([www.drivelessconnect.com](http://www.drivelessconnect.com))
        1. Another push during basketball games and other events
        2. Lots of single occupancy vehicles coming to campus
     4. Sustainability Advocates meeting scheduled for December 6th

1. **SSI review process and renewable energy purchasing and project funding  (15 min)**
   1. Review committee - faculty, staff and some students
   2. Recommendations
      1. Eliminate student renewable energy fee voted by students in 2007
   3. Goal - Have as much renewable energy infrastructure on campus…
   4. What is the priority behind renewable energy purchasing?
      1. Is it a big priority for the SAC?
2. **Sustainability course review criteria  (15 min)**
   1. Course review form
      1. What happens to the data afterwards?
      2. Would it be better to have a web application?
         1. (Talk to Sonya)
      3. Review the course review documentation
      4. Feedback in 2 weeks max, Friday December 14th
3. **SAC bylaw creation and membership  (15 min)**
   1. Brandon sending a draft of the bylaws
      1. Finalizing by mid/end of February
   2. SAC membership
      1. College of Forestry representation…
      2. E-mail Brandon about someone for off-campus representation
4. **OSU annual sustainability report – what should it look like and contain?  (20 min)**
   1. Report and strategic plan should go hand in hand
   2. Report likely to include less than 10 pages to highlight campus achievements for FY12
   3. Sustainability strategic plan, needs to not focus on operations
   4. After STARS, finalize some kind of sustainability report
      1. Ideally finished by end of January, but more likely by the end of March
   5. Planned to be based on Fiscal Year cycle, may look like a sustainability dashboard with top 10 indicators
   6. Bring sustainability details back to the SAC group
      1. IT related
      2. Achievements
5. **Sustainability awards for departments or individuals**
   1. Create nomination process for some cool thing
      1. Open to anyone – Nomination process?
      2. Ways to inspire content – Financial incentives vs. recognition only
         1. Want to avoid creating more work from analysis of winners
   2. Annually, quarterly?
   3. Different levels?
   4. Benchmarking…
      1. What other institutions are doing
      2. Nomination form
      3. Draft to the SAC group
6. **Other**
   1. Aashe.org- can use OSU email address to get access to member only resources.
      1. Review Campus sustainability plans on AASHE website
   2. Energy dashboard RFP is at PACs and in the final stages of edits and should get published in the next week or two
7. NNSLE (National Network for Sustainable Living Education): network of Extension professionals sharing information and creating education materials
8. Contact [cathy.elliott@maine.edu](mailto:cathy.elliott@maine.edu) to get on the listserv. - Climate Science Investigation (CSI)
   1. Informal network of Extension professionals sharing information and creating education materials. - Contact Chris Jones [ckjones@cals.arizona.edu](mailto:ckjones@cals.arizona.edu) to get on the listserv.
9. Two eXtension on-line courses (they require a log-in): - Sustainable Communities
   1. <http://www.extension.org/pages/62202/sustainable-communities:-a-local-systems-approach-to-planning>
10. Living Sustainably: It’s your choice
    1. <http://www.extension.org/pages/62201/living-sustainably:-its-your-choice>
11. **Next meeting**
    1. Possibly meet three times in the next term or more depending on the depth of work required for the strategic plan or sustainability report