Sustainability Advisory Council Minutes

April 30, 2012 12:00-2:00 Cascade Hall Conference Room (upstairs in Cascade Hall)

Attending: Andrea Norris, Marianne Vydra, Brian Laird, Brigitte Cluver, Emily Bowling, Brandon Trelstad, Lucas Friedrichsen, Sonja Mae, Colette Conover, Viviane Simon-Brown, Anita Azarenko, Kelly Fedderson, Mikkel VandeBergh

**ACTION ITEMS IN BOLD**

1. Introductions and announcements
   1. Updates from the group included recaps of Earth Week and RecycleMania, recent designations from Princeton Review, project updates, and upcoming events. **Brigitte highlighted the Sustainable Textiles Symposium coming on May 14 and will email the group with more information**. Marianne asked about two items for Athletics: composting and a help with energy conservation around copiers and other items, primarily within Gill Coliseum. **Brandon will have Nick Chaney, the student who performs the audits, get in touch with Marianne to schedule an audit**. There is interest within Athletics in composting at athletic facilities. **Marianne will check to see when the contract with Sodexho will be up for renewal**, as much of the success would hinge on their participation.
2. STARS reporting update
   1. Brandon reported that after conversations with Campus Recycling and within the Sustainability Office, we have elected to move our STARS deadline to December. This will allow better continuity for the reporting period, which is now FY12, and better attention to processes in progress like the course review work.
   2. Councilors discussed innovation credits for the new reporting period. Ideas included James Cassidy and the Organic Grower’s Club work, the Sustainable Textiles Symposium, a food systems play, and Earth Week activities. **Councilors are asked to verify the level of “uniqueness” of each suggested activity, and check against other STARS criteria for this credit. Guidance on innovation credits can be found in the STARS Technical Manual on pages 298-300 of the 300 page pdf:** [**http://www.aashe.org/files/documents/STARS/stars\_1.2\_technical\_manual.pdf**](http://www.aashe.org/files/documents/STARS/stars_1.2_technical_manual.pdf)
3. Sustainability Course Review
   1. Sonja updated the Council on the work of the Sustainability Course Review committee. She discussed how sustainability principles might be applied to the Sustainability Course Review methodology and how those relate to the Sustainability Principles presented to the Council at the last meeting. **Sonja asked Councilors to review the documents shared at the meeting and provide feedback before the May 16 Council meeting**. Kelly suggested student participation in the course review process and **Sonja will work with SSI or other student groups as appropriate to get a student involved**. **Sonja and Emily will also meet to discuss sustainability pedagogy and how it might be implemented.**
4. Net Zero Energy Initiative
   1. Colette Conover and Mikkel VandeBergh discussed the progress since the last meeting. **Mikkel and Colette will refine the proposal further and create a spreadsheet that allows varied inputs in order to facilitate a conversation around how the program might be structured. Brandon will follow up by scheduling a meeting with Colette, Mikkel and several project managers within Facilities Services. Brandon will also form a subcommittee, which will include Brian, to continue work on this project under the umbrella of the Council.**
5. Metering Program Upgrades
   1. Sonja updated the Council with current progress on the campus metering program. She explained some of the metering goals of OSU like real time metering, reduced operating costs associated with meter readings, increased accuracy, access to a variety of reports for analysis, influence behaviors by allowing access to data for multiple stakeholders and to help prioritize energy efficiency projects. Lucas is also involved in the conversations about moving toward a dashboard solution for real-time metering.
6. Sustainable Food coordination team
   1. Kelly Fedderson presented a document discussing the need for a coordination team to form around more sustainable food systems at OSU. **Marianne agreed to lead the newly-formed coordination team, and Kelly will be in touch with Marianne for next steps. Via Brandon, Kelly will send an electronic version of her proposal to the Council. Viviane volunteered to reach out to College of Ag Sciences and Extension.** **Marianne and Kelly will be in touch with potential coordination team members and bring suggested membership to the Council for appointment.**