OSU Sustainability Advocates Registration

In Fall 2010, the OSU Sustainability Office created a Sustainability Advocates program to improve communications and increase coordination of sustainability-related initiatives throughout the university.

What is a Sustainability Advocate?
Sustainability Advocates keep their campus departments/units connected to the broader sustainability community at OSU through information sharing, training opportunities and networking with fellow Advocates. This work is expected to average 1-2 hours per month for most Advocates.

Advocates may participate in the following ways:
- Deliver information that comes from the Sustainability Office and affiliated OSU sources
  - Disseminate listserv announcements to fellow employees
  - Share awards, scholarship and other information with students
- Handle information requests, helping OSU meet reporting requirements. Examples include:
  - Number of student engagement opportunities or courses offered
  - Amount of paper or fuel purchased
- Attend or send proxy to at least one two-hour gathering per year. Gatherings will include:
  - Sharing best practices and information about scholarship, job, internship and similar student opportunities
  - Staying informed about relevant policy and project developments
  - Learning about funding opportunities for departments
  - Voting on peers’ recent exceptional sustainability actions
- Collaborate with the Sustainability Office and other units to implement sustainability projects & programs within your department, if desired
- Have department and Advocate name listed on OSU sustainability website (contact info optional)

Who can be a Sustainability Advocate?
Advocates should be permanent employees of the campus unit they represent. One Advocate per campus unit is needed; units can designate more than one Advocate if they wish. Colleges may designate a college-wide Advocate in addition to those at the department, center, institute or program level.

Advocates need not have related professional responsibilities (i.e., sustainability-related work in a position description), but should have a strong personal interest in sustainability issues.

Why be an Advocate?
Be a part of a fun, engaged group within the OSU community. Other incentives for participation include:
- Priority notification for sustainability-related funding, projects, and programs
- Let others know about your unit’s projects and accomplishments
- Awards and prizes for innovation
- Name or unit name listed on the sustainability website
- Lunch at the semi-annual gathering!

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Advocate Name (printed)                   Advocate Signature

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Department/Unit                           Date

Include my contact info on the Advocates webpage (check all that apply): e-mail ___ phone ___ none ___

Please return completed form to the OSU Sustainability Office, 130 Oak Creek Building or by email: sustainability@oregonstate.edu