

General Updates:

- Board of Trustees appreciated the student presenters and has asked for updates at their meetings in the future
- Renewal Task Force will be working with sustainability
- Waste Removal RFP will seek providers that can offer single stream recycling

Recycling Working Group: Wednesday February 11, 2009

Members present: Mr. Jerry Kohn, Mr. Michael Cosgrove, Mr. Don Kynaston, Ms. Patricia Berge, Mr. Michael Whittow, and Mr. Andrew Seifert

Members absent: Mr. Casey Lembke, Dr. Jane Peterson

Updates:

- New statistic: the recycling rate from June through December was 19.3%
- Library Hot Topics: going green in the library
 - There is an untapped potential in staff for sustainability ideas
 - Library IT devised a strategic plan and the second most important point was to conserve energy
 - Shut down computers, printers, etc.

Maximizing waste stream diversion:

- One suggestion was to use point-of-purchase displays to provide information to campus community
 - Example: "It takes 1,000 years for a plastic bag to decompose"
- Provide a special collection area for items that are non-recyclable but can also be reused
 - Dennis Day is working on battery recycling and will find strategic locations
 - IKON has brought in boxes to recycle print cartridges
 - Kathy Canko collects used cell phones
 - The Child Care Center also collects used cell phones and uses this as a source of funding
- Advertise when we make a change, provide success stories – ex. Lunda Room uses disposables
 - Look for "little hits" and show how they are benefitting the campus and/or environment
 - Bottled water: some events have switched to using vessel water – trying to make it an exception to request bottles
- Other suggestions:
 - Could put pressure on departments to stop buying bottled water
 - Campus-wide shoe recycling program
 - TV drop off point for when analog signal switches to digital
 - Provide pictures of what can be recycled
 - Show health problems associated with certain products/plastics

Earth Day/Week

- Child Care Center: same week as Year of the Young Child
 - Will be using recycled materials along with other sustainable products
- Could use Mission Week theme and place A-frames around campus to provide information
- Speakers: talk to some of our suppliers and see how their companies are contributing towards sustainability both on a global level and at our campus
- Provide attention grabber – band, activities, community cleanup etc.
- Display sustainability messages on TVs around campus
- Partner with Soup & Substance

Natural Resources and Utilities: February 12, 2009

Members Present: Mr. Ron Ripley, Ms. Jackie Gast, Ms. Joan Sommer, Mr. Peter Dombrowski, Dr. Jon Koch, Mr. Michael Whittow, and Mr. Andrew Seifert

Members Absent: Ms. Melissa Lind, Prof. Alan Madry

Advocacy on Campus:

- Setup stations around campus where students can get information, experience what the station has to offer and will walk away with new ideas
 - Small solar power demonstration
 - A-frame and station ideas: recycling, conservation, energy production, environmental, social, etc.
 - Could be sponsored by a group, department, school
- Dr. Koch is currently teaching a Thermal 001 Course
 - Could have students conduct energy audits – which could later become part of curriculum
 - Could prove to be useful in decision making processes
 - Would be able to refine over time
- Motivating ourselves to use more efficient technology
 - Could prove expensive due to cost differential
 - Applications in new buildings can be cheaper and easier
 - First time in, not replacing existing technology

Earth Day/Week

- Buckthorn removal and replacement
 - This plant displaces native plants
- Supply two empty dumpsters in visible location so that students can compare recycling vs. waste

Homework: brainstorm possible projects to move forward on as a group

New Buildings: Thursday February 12, 2009

Members Present: Mr. Michael Jahner, Ms. Sadie Tuescher, Mr. William O'Brien, Fr. Michael Class, Dr. Janet Krejci, Mr. Christopher Stockdale, Mr. Michael Whittow, and Mr. Andrew Seifert

Members Absent: Ms. Carol Dufek

Updates

- 1628 W Wisconsin could seek LEED Silver
 - Currently hanging drywall on 8th floor
- Office of the Architect has a website that lets people know what is going on with the new buildings
- You can obtain a LEED point for educating the public on what green features are going into a building

Earth Day

- Possible teach-in from OPUS and/or Office of the University Architect about LEED certification
 - At least to engineering students
- Each day have information about a working group

- Weekend before is a Hunger Cleanup event
 - Could do an environmental cleanup
- Hang “billboards” on the fence around Zilber Hall showing green features
- Use TVs around campus to show green features, statistics, quotes, etc.

Future

- Use group as information hub
- Look at long-term information and get information out to campus population
- Look at university master plan

Suppliers: Monday February 16, 2009

Members present: Mr. Todd Vicker, Ms. Sapna Patel, Mr. Craig Meyer, Ms. Ali Myszewski, Mr. Jay Kirk, Dr. John Schmitt, Mr. Michael Whittow, and Mr. Andrew Seifert

Members absent: Ms. Mary Jo Goodwin, Dr. Keith Bauer

Updates

- Looking into “green cleaning” alternatives on campus
- Waste removal RFP
 - Single stream is a high priority
 - Look into compacting cardboard separately – more efficient
- What can we do with plastics #3 and above?

Sodexo Presentation: Monica

- Sodexo is a socially responsible global company
- They use Sysco and United Natural Foods as suppliers
 - United Natural foods uses local foods when in season
 - Kemps Dairy
 - Potatoes from McCain Foods
- Reuse, recycling, and disposables
 - Offer reusable mugs and offer discounts when using them
 - Sold 6,000 last year
 - Hydration station in AMU
 - Recycle cooking oil
 - Participate in Cans Across America
 - Washing dishes in eco friendly ways
 - Offer SpudWare for use in catered events starting July 1
 - Biodegradable cups, plates, utensils
- Will pilot test a trayless option during Earth Week
 - How should we market this?
- Has won Social Justice awards for diversity
- Is currently training staff to ask if people will be dining-in or ordering carry-out
 - Will cut down waste