

April 2009 Working Group Minutes

Supplier Working Group: April 6, 2009

Members present: Mr. Todd Vicker, Ms. Sapna Patel, Ms. Ali Myszewski, Ms. Jane Peterson, Mr. Jay Kirk, Ms. Mary Jo Goodwin, Mr. Craig Meyer, Mr. Michael Whittow, and Mr. Andrew Seifert

Members Absent: Dr. John Schmidt, and Dr. Keith Bauer

Office supply exchange

- OfficeMax will collect unneeded office supplies on Wednesday, April 22 and will have them ready for pickup on April 30.

Green Cleaning

- Have audited cleaning supplies at a few buildings and reported findings
 - want to be able to qualify for LEED points
- While Johnson Diversey is our main supplier of cleaning supplies, we do purchase some cleaning supplies from minority suppliers
- Kimberley-Clark is main supplier of paper products
 - Paper products meet or exceed Green Seal Certification and contain recycled content
- Johnson along with 3M are our main suppliers of chemicals
 - Currently use several Green Seal Certified products

Recycling Working Group: April 1, 2009

Members present: Mr. Jerry Kohn, Mr. Casey Lembke, Ms. Patricia Berge, Dr. Jane Peterson, Mr. Michael Cosgrove, Mr. Michael Whittow, and Mr. Andrew Seifert

Members absent: Ms. Molly Greenwood, Mr. Don Kynaston, and Ms. Jaclyn Blackburn

Waste Removal RFP update

- Veolia did not bid single stream while Waste Management did
 - No market for recyclables right now
- Service will be a major part of the decision

Reduced trash can bag sizes on campus

- Starting to stock the new size bags
- The new bags are smaller which means they require less resin when manufacturing. This also translates into a cost reduction.
- Current bags are not biodegradable and switching to biodegradable bags would cost too much.

Outdoor recycling locations

- All locations chosen should be visible to those passing by and should be in high traffic areas

- Possible locations include: In front of Lalumiere, Quadangle, underneath The Bridge, in front of Cramer Hall, Schroder Complex, east and west entrance of the AMU, Dentistry, Rec Center, and Straz Tower
- We could also create an off-campus recycling brochure/guide for students living close to campus
- Will look to add recycling in AL McGuire in the fall

Natural Resources Working Group: April 9, 2009

Members present: Mr. Ronald Ripley, Mr. Peter Dombrowski, Ms. Jackie Wallace, Ms. Joan Sommer, Prof. Alan Madry, Dr. Jon Koch, and Mr. Andrew Seifert

Members Absent: Ms. Jacquelyn Gast, and Mr. Michael Whittow

Solar hot water on campus

- Struggling with finding a practical application on campus
 - Need to be sure you are using heated water routinely
 - Residence halls and Recreation centers have peak times during the day
 - Need to look at how much physical space is available and make sure roof can support the system
- One possible application is the Campus Town Apartments but may see decrease use in summer
- There needs to be a financial return

Photovoltaic electricity – Solar power

- WE Energies is currently offering a grant to non-profits for installing solar power
 - System needs to lessen WE Energies load during peak hours and be used as an educational tool
 - Could offset cost of system further by talking to university partners and other constituents
- Need to have a design first
 - Possible locations
 - Some buildings on campus are not practical for such an application – example would be Carpenter Tower
 - Need to determine if it should be visible – possibly by drivers on the highway
 - Building needs to be able to support the weight of a system
 - Could bring in a design expert
 - Needs to offset peak loads during the day supply power to the building during the day
 - Solar system could be immediately included into curriculum if installed on engineering building
 - Can be included in curriculum no matter where it is
 - Building should be occupied year round to take full advantage
- Project visibility: publications, websites, etc
- Would monitor how much electricity we are offsetting and how much we are saving

New Buildings Working Group: April 9, 2009

Members present: Mr. Michael Jahner, Ms. Sadie Tuescher, Ms. Carol Dufek, Mr. William O'Brien, Fr. Michael Class, and Mr. Andrew Seifert

Members Absent: Dr. Christopher Stockdale, Dr. Janet Krejci, Mr. Michael Whittow

Different ways to pass information to university constituents

- Xavier uses full-color brochures and presentations for benefactors
- Create listserv
- News Briefs
- Web cam for Eckstein
- Provide links to pictures of the inside that students have taken
- Marquette Matters, Tribune, other publications
- Students appreciate short lists of what's going on
 - Examples include: what type of insulation are we using? Why is it green/sustainable? How much energy do we expect to save? What is LEED certification? What will it do to our carbon footprint?
 - Students also want to know that administration is listening and responsive

Adding a shower to Zilber to obtain additional LEED point

- Cost would be \$40,000 to add shower facility in basement
 - Does this mean we start promoting showers in new buildings at these prices?
- How many people would actually use the shower facility
 - Can say now that you'll bike but may not at a later date
 - Will too many people bike making demand too high
- Would otherwise need to purchase Rec Plex or Rec Center passes
- Highest demand would be in warmer months
- Bikers are sometimes discouraged because they have already bought both a fall and spring parking pass. Could setup a parking pass for winter seasons only