

# December 2010 Working Group Minutes

General updates:

## **Natural Resources Working Group: December 7, 2010**

Members present: Mr. Ronald Ripley, Mr. Peter Dombrowski, Dr. Jon Koch, Ms. Joan Sommer, Mr. Mike Whittow, and Mr. Andrew Seifert

Members Absent: Ms. Kimberly Campbell, Ms. Jacqueline Walker, Prof. Alan Madry

### Updates

#### Updates on potential lighting projects

- Buildings that should be addressed include: Lalumiere, Straz Hall and Coughlin.
  - These buildings are using a lot of T-12 light bulbs
  - Maintenance staff were approached suggesting we install T-8 bulbs as the T-12 bulbs burn out
  - Straz and Coughlin already have T-8s in use, however Lalumiere has over a thousand T-12 bulbs in use
    - A retrofit could save around \$4,500 per year
  - A retrofit in Carpenter would cost about \$57 per fixture, which would give the project a 12-year payback
    - The cost may be lower in Lalumiere because in Carpenter they had to set up a ladder, install 1 fixture, and move to another room.
      - This lead to increased labor costs
  - QUESTION: How long until T-8 lighting gets to scale, thus lowering unit prices?
    - T-8s are not new technology. In addition, as T-12s are eliminated we will no longer be able to negotiate prices because they will be the new standard
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#### Solar project

- The group should reexamine the solar power project presented by Renewable Energy Solutions
  - This project is considered more attractive than a lighting retrofit project
  - Need to look at as an investment as well as a way to discover solar technology
  - A solar project is better for PR and educational purposes than a T-8 retrofit
    - However, the payback is longer

## **New Buildings Working Group: December 14, 2010**

Members present: Mr. Michael Jahner, Ms. Katherine Sanford, Fr. Michael Class, Ms. Lori Ozminkowski, Mr. William O'Brien, Dr. Chris Stockdale, Mr. Mike Whittow and Mr. Andrew Seifert

Members Absent:

## Tour of Eckstein Hall

### **Recycling Working Group: December 6, 2010**

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

Members absent: Mr. Don Kynaston

#### Updates

#### Discussion on move-out recycling: current practices and procedures

- Over time the Office of Residence Life (ORL) has developed ways to make recycling easier at the end of the spring semester
  - There are additional recycling/trash pick-ups to ensure hallways are not cluttered and to make sure recyclables are recycled
  - ORL works with Campus Kitchen and various local shelters to donate extra non-perishable food items and clothing
    - Casa Maria is one such shelter
  - ORL is making space for students to leave larger items on campus
  - Books and school supplies are also collected and donated
  - Mattresses have not been landfilled in 8 or 9 years
    - They are 100 percent recycled by the supplier
  - There is a waiting list for cabinetry, beds and dressers
    - There is currently no demand for used desks, which are probably landfilled
      - QUESTION: Can they be replaced with newer models that can be recycled?
        - Current desks last approximately 30 to 40 years
          - The desks are used as long as possible
        - What should they be replaced with?
  - QUESTION: Are there any obstacles ORL continually faces for move-out recycling?
    - The biggest obstacle is that people do not take the time to separate their trash and recyclables at the end of the year. Trash bags are often thrown in the closest trash containers, while the recycling bins are located in the back of the trash rooms.
      - This is often attributed to convenience and expediency
      - Student groups in the past have offered to sit in the trash rooms and talk to people about recycling
      - Recycling bins are very visible as the walls near the bins are painted blue as well as the bins being different colors

#### Reaffirming 30 percent recycling goal

- At the beginning of the spring semester we should reiterate our 30 percent recycling goal and how the Marquette community can help us achieve that goal

- Ask the Office of Marketing and Communication (OMC) to draft something to send out to students, faculty and staff
  - Show where Marquette is among top university recyclers
    - Examples are Harvard, Big East schools, other Jesuit Schools, etc.
      - This may in turn boost competitive nature
  - Include financial values: how much do we save by recycling?
  - Frame the communication as a process, not an end goal. 30 percent is just a step towards our ultimate goal

## Supplier Working Group: December 8, 2010

Members present: Mr. Todd Vicker, Ms. Sapna Patel, Mr. Craig Meyer, Mr. Chris Porterfield, Mr. Mike Whittow and Mr. Andrew Seifert

Members Absent:

### Veolia Supplier Presentation

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