

December 2011 Working Group Minutes

Natural Resources Working Group: December 12, 2011

Members present: Mr. Mike Jahner, Dr. James Anderson, Mr. Mike Whittow, Mr. Andrew Seifert.

Members Absent: Ms. Kimberly Campbell, Dr. Kevin Siebenlist, Dr. Joshua Knox

Look at “energy hogs” on campus

- For next meeting: Create 1-page report for a host of buildings and break them into building type (i.e. residence hall vs. academic vs. office).
 - These reports can be shown to building occupants.
 - Identify opportunities to save.

Round Table Discussion

- Is there a place for donors to donate towards “green” projects around the university?
 - Not currently.

New Buildings Working Group: Meeting postponed.

Recycling Working Group: December 6, 2011

Members present: Mr. Jerry Kohn, Ms. Taylor Behnke, Dr. Jane Peterson, Dr. Barbara Kren, Mr. Michael Cosgrove, Mr. Mike Whittow and Mr. Andrew Seifert.

Members absent:

BigBelly Solar project proposal

- BigBelly has a solar-powered trash compactor that can replace outdoor trash receptacles. These receptacles use solar energy to compact the trash inside. They are often used to save employees’ time. Rather than needing to empty trash cans on a daily-basis, you can empty them every several days. This provides Facilities Services with breathing room to work on other projects.
 - Facilities Services works on other things while emptying trash cans such as picking up litter, shoveling and salting when needed, and checking the grounds.
 - The BigBelly containers are expensive.
 - More research will be conducted on this matter.

Review recycling posters

- Old posters were mostly taken down due to their beat-up condition.
- Current tagline of “Let’s talk trash” can still work.

- Other taglines such as “Recycling starts with you” may also work. Or “Being Green starts with you. Please Recycle.”
- Can also use terms like Blue & Gold = Green.
- New posters should include statements about our progress.
 - Include statements thanking the Marquette community for their contributions thus far.
- Might want to make posters a different color than blue and gold so they stand out. People now see a field of blue and gold.
- Could see if Tribune would publish a piece on recycling.

Discuss electronics recycling on campus

- Current figures are from Veolia who currently picks up our ewaste every so often.
 - We decided to start out with a twice a year collection.
 - 60 yards worth of ewaste was recycled during the first collection.
- Ewaste is a hazardous material and cannot be thrown away normally. Cannot be put in landfills.
- The program is currently free for Marquette.
- Only campus electronics are being collected and recycled at this point.

Supplier Working Group: December 5, 2011

Members present: Mr. Todd Vicker, Mr. Craig Meyer, Ms. Katherine Rakowski, Dr. Owen Goldin, Dr. John McAdams, Mr. Mike Whittow and Mr. Andrew Seifert.

Members Absent: Dr. Linda Menck and Mr. Chris Porterfield.

Updates

- MU has a MFD toner bottle recycling program with Cannon.
 - Prepaid postage boxes are available to send in spent toner.
 - FedEx will accept the boxes.
- Technicians used to collect the spent toner. Now they have more time to work on preventative maintenance.
- Toner is now shipped directly to the recycler.

Discuss “living wage” language in RFP

- Current language suggests a living wage must exceed the federal minimum wage.
 - This question is asked of suppliers because we want companies to recognize the contributions of their employees.
 - This may put restrictions on certain suppliers who then have a tougher time competing.
 - There are also other federal and state programs people can use to achieve a living standard above the federal minimum wage.
 - This matter will be discussed more in future meetings.