

Sustainability Council Meeting
12/6/12
Minutes

- I. Attendance: Kristin Altman, Christy Cerrone, Fred Cheever, Megan Conklin Ethan Crawford, Cara DiEnno, Tay Dunklee, Tiffany Hutchings, Megan Kelly, Chad King, Jan Kitta, Linda Kosten, Megan Marshall, Alex Mehn, Keith Miller, Theresa Mueller, Tom Quinn, Dale Rothman, Sarah Schmidt, Mariah Shell, Randy Wagner, Brittany Wilhelm.
- II. Approval of November meeting minutes.
- III. Announcements from Council Chair, Fred Cheever:
 - a. Next meeting: January 17, 8:30 a.m. in Law School room 412.
 - b. KK DuVivier is looking for partners in bringing a screening of the film “Switch” to campus in April. Contact her if you are interested in helping.
 - c. Mark Rodgers sent Fred draft language from the Chancellor’s opening letter to the Land Use Plan. The Chancellor specifically mentions needing to address the expansion of bicycle usage on campus and he mentions sustainability in building design, energy use, and waste minimization.
 - d. Don Mayer from the Curriculum and Research Committee sent information via Fred saying that the committee is up and running with a Blackboard site to share curriculum for sustainability-related and sustainability-focused courses. Send your DU ID to Don.Mayer@du.edu to join the group. The committee’s next meeting is January 14th, 10 a.m. in the Business School Building.
 - e. Dale Rothman said that the sustainability speaker series is in the works too—they are looking for seminar speakers or panelists. Contact Dale for additional information.
- IV. Vice Chair report
 - a. Christy Cerrone announced that Nagel Hall recently officially earned a LEED Gold rating. We will be having a celebration in Winter Quarter and will be ordering a plaque to tell people about it. Theresa and Jan from Marketing and Communication were at the meeting and said that we can get information into the DU Digest. Suggestions for inclusion in the article were how the certification was earned, other buildings on campus that are LEED rated, and information about the celebration.
- V. Center for Sustainability update- Chad King
 - a. The Center is looking to co-sponsor some student positions in Sodexo and Athletics.
 - b. Chad is working on the inventory of the furniture sharing program.
 - c. Several folks are going on a tour at CU next week to look at the Environmental Center and things they are doing on campus.
 - d. Working on a branding and media launch in the spring.
 - e. Several folks went to see Bill McKibben and Winona LaDuke speak in Boulder last Sunday as part of the 350.org tour and the divestment drive. If you want to get active on that, contact Chad.
- VI. Committee Updates:
- VII. Facilities update
 - a. Tom McGee was at the Buildings and Grounds Trustees meeting, so no report.
- VIII.Reduce Reuse Recycle update- Megan Marshall

- a. Zero Waste games @ Ritchie Center
 - i. Looking for a resolution of support from the council. Passed around a draft and got feedback; will send updated draft before January meeting. A “straw poll” indicated unanimous support of the idea of the resolution.
 - ii. The Council voted to sponsor another game in the winter quarter and agreed upon Saturday, January 12th. We passed around a signup sheet for volunteers. Contact Megan Marshall if you are interested in volunteering at the game.

IX. Best Practices- Tiffany Hutchings

- a. Chad has proposed to change the focus of the committee to be a reporting committee for AASHE STARS reporting and other. Everyone agreed this seems to make sense as the committee has evolved to serve that function over time. Linda Kosten said she would get a person from Institutional Research designated to help on the committee, and she suggested changing the name to “Administrative Policy and Reporting.”

X. Outreach update- Brittany Wilhelm and Kristin Altman

- a. Will meet next week.
- b. Thank you to everyone who helped with and attended the mixer.
- c. Priorities for the committee include the Green Educators and Green Office Certification initiatives, social media, and helping the University work on dealing with all of the extra paper from the changeover to the new University logo (recycling, repurposing, etc.). Fred suggested rolling out a plan in Earth Month (April) for the recycling/repurposing of old logo materials.

XI. Food & Mindful Consumption update- Megan Kelly

- a. Megan announced that there will be a showing of “American Meat” on Wednesday, February 27. Dinner (provided by Chipotle, one of the film’s sponsors) at 6:30, film screening at 7, panel at 8:30 p.m. The panel will include the film’s director, a vegan or vegetarian, a farmer, a nutritionist, and others. Megan asked for suggestions for panelists and several DU affiliates were mentioned as well as some others (Colorado Cattlemen’s Land Trust, Kent Lebsack, Justin Marceau, Katie Dunker, and an animal rights activist).
- b. Meatless Mondays in the cafeterias are not entirely meatless, with the argument for continuing to have meat at the grill and sandwich bars that we need meat for the athletes. Megan said that the committee is looking at meat in the dining areas because all of the meat in the dining areas on campus is fully factory farmed meats and not raised sustainably.
- c. The committee is working on a dinner series on Friday evenings in the Center for Sustainability to talk about food issues in alignment with the Real Food Challenge. Watch for more details coming soon.

XII. Transportation update

- a. Buddy Knox is moving forward with the electric car charging station in January in the lot west of Sturm Hall.
- b. Mariah Shell shared information about a plan for a bike sharing/bike library pilot program: a low-cost, long-term bike rental for students (and maybe faculty and staff). This will be an option for students who do not want to (or don’t have the funds to) buy their own bikes. B-Cycle is a good option, but the time frame is too short for some trips. USG Sustainability has agreed to support the program with \$5,800. Mariah hopes to have 8-10 bikes to launch the pilot in January and then expand from there. The bikes will be different models and sizes so they can be tailored for individual needs and uses.

The bikes will be stored in the Nagel bike room. We hope to have a student trained in the master mechanics course to help with bike maintenance (the Bike Depot a local non-profit can provide training). Campus Cycles is interested too.

- c. The Transportation Committee is meeting with Mark Rodgers tomorrow (Friday, December 7) to make recommendations for the Land Use Plan. They have an 8 point plan which includes:
 - i. Adding bike boulevards, a “green lane”
 - ii. Having a “cycle track” through campus
 - iii. Adding more signage about bikes
 - iv. Improving lighting
 - v. Increasing bike parking
 - vi. Improvements and additions to crosswalks
 - vii. Bike kiosks and fix stations
 - viii. Construction detours and better paths

Questions arose regarding: skateboards, slow zones, enforcement. Chad King said that all of this work and improvements will build a foundation for additional future education and programs.

XIII. Social Sustainability- Cara DiEnno

- a. The committee is working on social considerations in purchasing. This covers all kinds of purchasing-- academic, food, office supplies, promotional items, etc. So they’ve decided to focus in on one area first: food. They are working with the Food and Mindful Consumption Committee.
- b. Cara said they are working on a checklist and text regarding social considerations in purchasing, and she said she was going to be in touch with the Student Life Sustainability Action Team because they are working on a similar project. Cara asked if information about the social considerations in purchasing could be included in the Green Office Manual. Brittany Wilhelm said to send information to her for inclusion in the manual.
- c. Cara asked about ideas for other groups they could work with. Suggestions: HCC, Jenna Brown, HR, CME, Center on Rights and Development, International Human Rights Law. Discussion continued regarding the target audience for this work, adopting an Ethical Standards for Corporate donors statement, Faculty Senate’s resolution about suppliers, differences between donors and sponsors.

XIV. Curriculum & Education/Research had their announcements at the start of the meeting.

XV. Next meeting: **Thursday, January 17, 2013 8:30am-10:00am in Ricketson Law Building, 412**