

## DU Sustainability Council

**Meeting Minutes:** July 3, 2008 – DuPont Room, Mary Reed Building

**Present:** Fred Cheever, Lisa Dale, Karl French, Mike Keables, Charlie Coggeshall, Jeff Bemelen, Richard Chapman, Linda Kosten, Craig Woody, Helene Orr, Mark Rodgers, Bruce Hutton.

**Guests:** Karen Benson, Administration, Mary Jean O'Malley, Student;

**Next meeting:** Thursday, August 5, 2008, DuPont Room, Mary Reed Building. Light refreshments will be served.

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. Fred Cheever asked for introductions around the table.

### **Approval of Minutes**

There was a motion by Mike Keables, seconded by Linda Kosten to accept the minutes of June 3. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Curriculum and Research Committee Update**

Mike Keables offered a brief update on the work of the curriculum and research committee. He indicated that the work of identifying sustainability related courses was coming to a close. He identified a number of "an exciting ideas" for sustainability curricular initiatives going forward.

### **New Member Selection -- Progress Report**

Fred Cheever briefly discussed the difficulties in selecting a new Sustainability Council staff member and two new Sustainability Council student members. Voting on the selection of a new Sustainability Council staff member had already begun before the meeting. Voting will close on Thursday, July 10 at 4:30 p.m. Cheever promised to announce the new staff Council member as soon as possible after that. Cheever urged student members of the council to provide him with revised preferences based on the new applications for student membership. Charlie Coggeshall, the only student member present, indicated that in his opinion it would be all right to use old perfect lists if other student members did not respond before mid July.

### **New Concerns: Paper Circulars, Battery Recycling, Flexible Schedules for Employees**

The council as a whole briefly discussed new issues which had been brought to its attention. Members of the Outreach Committee agreed to look into the possibility of finding substitutes for paper circulars to encourage members of the University community to use less paper. Jeff Bemelen of facilities and Vice Chancellor Craig Woody agreed to look into battery recycling and whether it should be part of the new University recycling program.

### **The New Website – Progress Report**

Karl French and Helene Orr then showcased the new sustainability Council website, now available online at [www.du.edu/green](http://www.du.edu/green) Cheever urged members of the council to review the website carefully since their names are on it and it will be the primary point of initial contact between the Council and the DU community.

The council as a whole voted to invite Dave Newport, director of CU's Environment Center to visit the Council at its September meeting. Cheever agreed to communicate that invitation to Newport at a previously scheduled meeting.

**First Thoughts: Calculating the Carbon Neutrality Date**

Finally, the Council discussed some elements of the process of developing a structure and timeline for achieving carbon neutrality. Members of the council also made it clear that carbon neutrality was not the only component of sustainability relevant to the University of Denver. Linda Kostan urged close review of the soon to be launched STARS rating system sponsored by AASHE.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.