

Gettysburg College
Sustainability Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2009

Present: Julie Ramsey, Rutherford Platt, Victor Arcelus, Jim Biesecker, Paul Fairbanks, Pete North, Pat Verderosa.

Julie convened the meeting and distributed agenda. Julie and Rutherford will serve as co-chairs of the Advisory Committee.

Identify Students for the Advisory Committee

The goal is to identify three students from different class years who could be involved with the Advisory Committee over the next few years.

- Suggested students: Emma Snellings, Gwendolyn Brown, Jonathan Walter, Katelyn Sigler
- Identify some students majoring in Environmental Science
- Contact students in the Farmhouse theme house

Update on Subcommittee Activities:

Pete North reported for the Resource Conservation Subcommittee. He reported:

- Subcommittee meeting notes are on shared drive – \\acadhomenas\sustainability\$. To access drive, map the drive on your computer
- Researched pay for print this summer. Costs for card access system (\$40K) is more than savings. Pete plans to work with IT staff on researching and upgrading current software to realize some print cost savings.
- Statistics: The campus members currently prints 12 million sheets of paper in one fiscal year. Students print 3 million of the 12 million which equates to an average of 581 prints per semester per student. Statistics show printing reduces 40-50% with card access system.
- Discussed process for bringing forth ideas from subcommittee meetings. Ideas should be brought to Advisory Committee
- Library is planning a printing/wasted paper educational/awareness program
- Suggestions:
 - Set default on all office printers to double-sided print
 - Set employee pay receipt default to opt out of receiving print copy
 - Gather statistics by login and set some type of print limits. Individual would need to request additional prints – raise awareness and provide incentive not to print.
- Pete reported on new contract with Coca Cola. Gettysburg, Lebanon Valley and HACC sustainability efforts competition with \$1K prize in name of school's sustainability efforts. Pete is coordinating this program with the sustainability interns.
- Need recycling bin in the Bullet Hole for the pizza boxes

Jim Biesecker reported on the Carbon Neutrality Subcommittee. He reported:

- Subcommittee has met twice. Members are very engaged, need student involvement.
 - Educated subcommittee members on systems, utilities expenses, and systems to target for curtailing costs.
 - Shared past information as well as information on renovation projects and the reduction in use of electricity

- Jim reported that Gettysburg College does not currently have an interior space temperature policy. The Subcommittee is in the process of drafting a policy. Jim will send draft policy to Advisory committee. Policy to be brought to President's Council for review and approval.
- Purchasing some new recycling containers for campus this year
- Carbon Neutrality commitment was due 9/15 – asked for an extension until 1/15/10. The goal is to submit report before 1/1/10.
- Jim asked for volunteers for a subcommittee co-chair. He received a few volunteers, and will be appointing a subcommittee co-chair in the near future.

Gretchen Natter reported on the Research, Education and Civic Engagement Subcommittee. She reported:

- The subcommittee is working with a group of students to organize Sustainability week – October 18-24. This is still a work in progress. Current plans include; Fiesta – celebration of the harvest, Host a speaker: Shari Gearheard, campus forum, 100-mile meal night at Servo, a film series, set-up CUB tables and promote community events and international350.org.
- Subcommittee co-chair Janelle Wertzberger has resigned. Rob Natter may join the subcommittee as co-chair.

Julie reported there will be opportunities for strategic budget investments in FY '11 – investments in which the College can hope to recoup the costs over a period of time. There was discussion about possible IT projects as well as Dining projects to be co-presented by the Advisory Committee.

Next Advisory Committee Meeting:

October 22, 2009, 11:00 a.m. in CUB 230

Agenda items for the October meeting:

- Strategic sustainability investments – budget requests
- Goals for the year
 - 5-year plan
- Low Hanging Fruit (Rutherford Platt)
- Farmhouse Theme House Update (Victor Arcelus)

Meeting Follow-up:

Contact students about Advisory Committee

Environmental Science students (Rutherford)

Farmhouse Theme House students (Victor)

Emma Snellings (Gretchen); Gwen Brown (Julie); Jon Walker or Katie Sigler (Jim)

Bring Ideas from Subcommittee to Advisory Committee (Pete)

Pay for print data – post online or bring to next meeting (Pete)

Send to Advisory Committee or post on shared drive the Interior Space Temperature Policy Draft (Jim)

Post Greenhouse Gas Report on shared drive (Jim)

Send or post Sustainability Week schedule (Gretchen)

Contact Rod Tosten about a strategic investment that could be co-presented by IT and the Sustainability Advisory Committee (Rutherford)

Strategic Sustainability Investment Ideas/proposals (all committee members)