

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes
6 April, 2010, Kohlberg 226, 2:30 pm

Attending: Nicole Lewis, Nadine Kolowrat, Ralph Thayer, Evelyn Strombom, Camille Robertson, Carr Everbach, Eric Wagner, Mark Davis, Kendall Johnson.

Carr reported that Andrew Ruther is working on a web interface that maps instantaneous campus energy use, though there are still some glitches that need to be worked out. This system will hopefully be publishable to the wider community by September, but SusCom members are urged to try out the current beta version:

<http://www.swarthmore.edu/x29028.xml>

Evelyn asked for an update on LEDs for the Sharples wagon-wheel lights. Ralph reported that the company he has been in touch with, LEDtronics, is able to create a modified order that will be close to what we had in mind. We hope to install at least some before President Chopp's inauguration on May 8.

The committee continued the discussion of Renewing Fund Priorities 4 (light-sensitive switches) and 5 (bathroom occupancy sensors). Camille requested that Ralph keep a list of accomplished replacements that can be published on our website and communicated to students, especially those who made the location suggestions.

Carr gave brief overviews of the fields and specialties of the panelists that will participate at a discussion at President Chopp's inauguration. He asked committee members for suggestions of discussion questions to prompt conversation.

The committee discussed criteria and selection logistics for the New York Times grant application that Camille drafted.

Mark reported that he has been in touch with David Opoku, the Lang Center Intern in charge of all electronic publications. David will determine and share with Mark the number of visits their online publications get in order to use this information to encourage Career Services to transition to a similar system.

Appended is the final draft of the New York Times Sustainability Grant Application.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carr Everbach and Camille Robertson

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Friday, April 9, 12:30-1:30 pm, Lang Center (open meeting)

Wednesday, April 14, 8:30-9:30 am, Sharples Rm 4

Tuesday, April 20, 2:30-3:30 pm (Everbach away; open meeting)

Wednesday, April 28, 8:30-9:30 am, Sharples Rm 4

Tuesday, May 4, 2:30-3:30 pm (last meeting before Finals and Inauguration; open meeting)

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New York Times
Environmental Sustainability Grant
Application

Recognizing the environmental costs of producing and distributing newspapers, *The New York Times* (currently printed using soy ink) will award a \$500 grant to students of Swarthmore College each semester to implement sustainability projects on campus. The college's ad hoc Sustainability Committee will evaluate student applications and distribute the grant money according to the following selection criteria:

- ◇ Proof of ease of implementation
- ◇ Presentation of a clear system of measuring efficacy; time lines should reflect achievable benchmarks and a clear definition of "success"
- ◇ Greatest short- and medium-range impact on campus sustainability and/or environmental literacy

Students may submit grant proposals requesting up to \$500 (non-renewable) individually, in small groups, or on behalf of a student organization. Applicants are encouraged to work with faculty and staff members and other students or student groups in implementing the project and *strongly advised* to meet with Camille Robertson, Lang Center Environmental Sustainability Intern, before submitting an application to further establish these important contacts and receive critical feedback before the proposal is evaluated by the entire committee. E-mail her at the address below to set up a meeting time.

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Completed applications for the Fall 2010 grant are due on Tuesday, April 27. They should be submitted via e-mail to crobert1@swarthmore.edu as a Microsoft Word attachment labeled as followed: "Group Name.NYT_2010.doc"

Grant recipients will be announced within two weeks of the submission deadline. Project preparation may begin immediately thereafter, but grant money will not be distributed until the Fall 2010 semester.

Preliminary Information

Please provide the following information for **each** applicant:

- Name and class year
- Student ID number
- Email address
- Permanent address

Title of Proposed Project: _____

Total Funding Requested: _____

Applicant Signature(s): _____

Date: _____

Project Narrative

Present the framework and overall goals of your project in the context of the benefits in campus sustainability and/or environmental literacy to the Swarthmore College community as compared to the current situation that your project would foster. Please include the following:

- ◇ The qualifications, experience, and interest of each group member and the role each will play in implementing the project.
- ◇ Any partnerships with students, student groups, faculty and/or staff members, and community or external agencies.
- ◇ The timeline on which this project will be implemented, including intermediate deadlines for discrete tasks and benchmarks. How will you be held accountable for meeting these deadlines?
- ◇ Your intended methods of community outreach and education about the project.

Proposed Budget

Please describe to the best of your ability how the requested grant money will be used. Funds may not be used to compensate students for their involvement in implementing the project. Briefly describe the supplies, equipment and other items to be used in your project and how you derived the costs for each item.