

16 December 2008

Attending: Kelsey Hatzel, Michael Roswell, Nicholas Buttino (notes on SusCom discussion), Nadine Kolowrat, Ralph Thayer, Elizabeth Heagle, Amanda Bayer, E. Carr Everbach (notes on recommendation document), Joy Charlton, Maurice Eldich, Eric Wagner, Rebecca Ringle

Final compilations of recommendations.

New achievements: shrinking Microsoft office margins to decrease printing pages
Stacy Kudish gives Carr and Rebecca permission to edit sustainability committee website
Should we number greenbox suggestions, so that we can tie our recommendations to the suggestions.

Posting suggestions with comments

Important to avoid debates on priorities on website

Today's job is to go through suggestions, wordsmith, and prioritize

Amanda suggests endorsing a small subset

Short list of active recommendations, priority recommendations, and greenbox suggestions

Potential need to clarify lists, and assigned methods and responsibilities (?)

Carr comments that we must prioritize coming out with something today (even if small)

Potential to meet again later in week (at committee discretion) Website: Debate over timing, do we present by end of the week?

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Nadine and Nick to work on short interim report after meeting and send to committee

Ready to send out (or put on potential website by end week)

Two different kind of education (Amanda):

1.) Publications of currently available information (and good behavior)

2.) Give information to attempt to change behavior

Exploration of website

Noting tasks already underway on recommendation document are green; we prioritize, we note with * (see Carr's document)

Many of outsourcing operations already under negotiations

Relatively few tactics to use as leveraging points

Who undertakes studies?

What resources do we need to devote? Who can provide the initial funds?

We should also consider that people can get around our methods. For example, we have been reducing temperatures in the buildings this year to reduce amount of fuel. However, facilities has found that people now bring in less efficient space heaters to compensate.

Would we need further permits for some of these things.

For example, can we implement an expanded electronic recycling program?

The committee seems to have general trend towards favoring more studies.

-Which should we prioritize? Should these priorities be evident on the interim report?

Need to further pare down recommendations to fewer than seven?

Maurice to send recommendation/request to ask students, faculty, and staff to use less energy in order to save in financial crises.

Debate over philosophical role of committee's recommendations.

Joy/Amanda want internal studies to inform us fully before making recommendations (and then pushing those recommendations?). Michael proposes making recommendations lightly and frequently, and asking what is feasible from overseeing bodies.

Maurice adds that we must consider that all department/divisions have been asked to leave budgets neutral for next year (and possibly longer).

Begin next semester with deciding on a small number of studies (maybe 1-3?) to actually undertake as a committee

Need committee member time?

We can ask other people to do many of these studies.

Students looking for projects, Earthlust, etc.

Goal of committee as of end of next semester to report on what recommendations have been implemented, and which ones are/were effective. Report on what we intend to do next school year.

Larger items to be discussed in February.

January meeting to discuss website.

Interim report - prose document of 1-2 paragraphs.

Who did we meet with? What did we learn? What are we doing next semester?

Report to be sent to Al Bloom, and eventually published on website (if suitable).

Wait until website launch to distribute report.