

Sustainability Committee Minutes 30 January 2009

Attending: Liz, Carr, Nick, Rebecca, Kelsey, Eric, Amanda, Maurice, Nadine

Website is up at <http://www.swarthmore.edu/suscom.xml> and linked to College main page (under Administration and alphabetically under "S") and also from sustainability.xml (the Greening of Swarthmore). Rebecca will work with our committee to implement updates and improvements.

Today we walk through our preliminary recommendations of small, medium, most costly, as well as studies, and discuss next steps

Educating community about usage habits

Need to go ITS and ask them to change some settings – and publicizing
Maurice says that ITS has published information, and will change some classroom things over summer.

Nadine to meet with Gayle Barton of ITS as follow-up

Need to update website as we have changes (Rebecca)

Maurice suggests that we recommend participating in World Wildlife Fund's "Earth Hour" hour of darkness at 8:30 pm on Saturday, March 28, 2009. Lights will be turned off for one hour to save electricity and observe the effect on the grid: <http://www.earthhour.org/usa>

Eric has requested – to Adam Hertz, Director of Athletics – that athletic center security turn off lights at night

Questions over how we can get people to turn off lights?

Options:

Educating community

Light sensors

Making it responsibility of EVS, Public Safety, etc.

Decision to work with education for now (Carr)

Maurice will send out another sustainability message to remind community and give information about new website, link conservation to saving money in current financial climate

Still need to decide on a couple of things to focus on so that we can show results

Enhancing composting operation

Already expanding

Contact Linda and good food about update report (Nick)

Contact Goodfood/Jeff Jabco about food composting (Nick)

Education department has a packet loaning library that students file

-Can we expand this to other departments? (Carr will follow up)

Adding green advisors' recommendation sheet to our website (Rebecca)

Can we monitor the dryer usage in response to giving more drying racks? Is there a correlation between more racks and less dryer use?

Can we give green advisors a time during freshmen orientation?

Dean's office (Maurice will follow up)

Can Tom Cochrane visit us next meeting and talk about dorm energy use?

Next meeting Feb. 9 - 11:30-12:30

Presentation by Liz Crampton and Ben Dair for 20 minutes, then Tom Cochrane and Ralph Thayer about what Facilities is doing (Liz and Ben are encouraged to stay and listen).