

Attendance

Alison Holliday, Co-chair - Chemistry and Environmental Studies
Debra Kardon-Brown - Lang Center
Rachel Silvario - Student
Maurice Eldridge - President's Office
Joy Charlton - Lang Center
Nicole Lewis - Grounds
Tom Cochran- Facilities
Pat Walsh - Student
Patrick Ammerman - Sustainability intern
Phil Everston - Statistics
Nadine Kolowrat - Corporate and Foundation Relations
Ralph Thayer, Co-chair, Facilities

Missing

Rachel Giovaniello - student
Ken Sharp - political science
Linda McDougall- Dining Services
Jessica Scott, Alumna from Denver
Eric Wagner - Athletics

Introductions

Summary of last year's activities

- Curriculum sub-committee
 - Almost every good idea fell under the auspices of outreach committee
 - Marge Murphy going to do a presentation to faculty about sustainability
 - Co-presenting with Carr at faculty lunches
 - Allison doing science cafe lunches, presenting on pesticides
 - Providing faculty ownership in sustainability (fell on outreach committee)
- Outreach to Alumni
 - Gift from president's office was a success
- Greenbox
 - Nicole in charge of greenbox, and reports on sus com website about what's going on.
 - Easy to implement changes, important aspect in sustainability
- Outreach
 - Helps with sustainability website (sus com website)
 - Minutes, and last year summary
 - Very out of date, but Patrick will update
- The Greening of Swarthmore website
 - Upcoming events

- Announcements of sus com meetings
- Now, a new link to the sustainability committee website
- Also will be updated by Patrick throughout the year
- Green advisers
 - Now partially paid, partially volunteer
 - Those payed GA's working under Ralph
- Joy: curriculum committee also helped to bring professor Di Chiro
 - Another Lang Center initiative was the funding the green advisers
- Guidelines for sustainability renewing fund: finished last year
- STARS guidelines: to be tackled in the future.
- Maurice: Defining the job description for the green director is crucial, especially before the budget committee discussions begin, we should definitely have it done by the December board meeting
- Joy: Clara did a lot of compiling of what a sustainability director should look like
- Alison: we're in the process of getting a "permanent clara," but in the meantime we need to continue on what she was doing while she was here
- Maurice: I may be able to find a consultant to help us in the short term, assuming someone could be found with the proper qualifications and if funding can be found
 - We have not yet found a successful way to find a person who can both teach and play an administrative role.
 - A hybrid position brings up a number of other issues, including going through more committees and going through the tenure track
 - Maurice: straddling an academic and administrative role cheats someone
- Note: we have an alumna located in denver interested in working with Maurice's committee

Discussion of goals: short-term (concrete actions) and long-term

- By december, we want to have a concrete job description of a sustainability director
 - Joy: wants the green advisor program to have
 - Ralph will ask GAs about what happened with the sustainability portion of orientation
 - Rachel: thought it went well, and several student groups did the sustainability treasure hunt
 - Phil wants to see electric-powered carts going around on campus
 - Pat: Benjamin Goloff and Julia Carleton working on new proposal for Environmental studies program
 - Alison: they met with the environmental studies with committee, and are going to talk with the provost, but curriculum committee now
 - Maurice: a lot going on with the environmental studies program: mellon funding, tri-co, economics professor
 - The response quite favorable from the environmental studies committee
 - Joy: We should think about connections between the discussions of this committee and classroom experiences.

- Maurice: how do we educate students who don't take enviro. studies courses? That is why student groups and GA are important for education
- Sus. now in staff orientation
- Patrick: a trash audit would be both informative for students and good data to college
- Discussion of aFewSteps.org, local non-profit group, and whether conversations can be started between them and the school
- Alison: I've seen staff members throwing out clear coffee bar cups
 - Nicole feeling that students aren't managing the system of labeling recycling, and maybe it's something that must be driven by facilities and staff
 - Good food does the signage, they should be invited to hear feedback from the sustainability committees.
 - Pictures could make signs much clearer, but have issues with transporting signs

Establishment of sub-committees: sustainability director, outreach, greenbox (others?)

- Sustainability director committee
 - Joy
 - deb
 - nadine
 - rachel
 - jessica (denver)
- Outreach
 - Maurice: someone should create images: horrific marching feet marching toward elevators as carbon footprints
 - Artistic projects should be on the agenda for the outreach committee
 - Representations should be used to make people aware of what they're using
 - Graphic representation of water use: 2/12 feet of water in every building
 - Ralph: most incomprehensible numbers that would reach people, but we need to learn how to get that information out to people: we need to go outside of the box
 - Ralph
 - Tom
 - Patrick
 - Phil
- Greenbox: run my Nicole
 - Can be educational and satisfying because small projects can be
 - Pat
 - Alison
- Stars
 - Will have to happen next semester
 - This year, we will have things to do for climate action plan committee (CAPcom)

- Their report is due in december, so there will be things to do for them shortly
- Pat: MJ met with sus com in the spring to continue the discussion of divesting from extractive industries and recommended investment
 - Ralph: board members thought it was more important for us to have a place at the table rather than walk away
 - Put on hold until Maurice can get a sense at what the administration thinks about this
- ~1 meeting per month of for full committee, subcommittees will meet at least once between each full committee meeting.