

Sustainability Committee – March 17, 2016

Attendance: Maurice, Melissa, Eric, Carr, Nathan (note-taker), Ralph, Giovanna

1) Students Perspective

Power Dialog on April 4th to talk about PA's plan for meeting the CPP target set for it by the EPA.

~5 students going

Dickenson is organizing in Harrisburg

Presentations on strategies to implement CPP, effects of CPP, legal and political challenges to CPP, and workshops.

Legislators will be in attendance.

Environmental Impact Committee of SGO's general role

A group to design top-down policy and standards- this semester working on getting more refilling stations with an eye towards having a no-plastic-water-bottles policy.

Working on having more presence of sustainability at orientation

EIC reports to Executive Committee of SGO, which sometimes meets with Deans.

Many of the students in the capstone were interested in designing increasing presence of sustainability education in orientation.

Melissa: It would be great if they could write that up and send something to the Dean's office.

Maurice: There's already packets that go out to incoming first-years anyway, it should include resources on sustainability

Eric: They're moving to extend orientation to be a year-long process, with refresher meetings throughout the course of the year, though you don't have the captive audience that you have at the beginning of the year.

Carr: It is very difficult to get much time at beginning-of-year orientation, however.

2) Office of Sustainability

Busy with applications for GA's, who are interviewing next week.

Advertisement via email, flyers, facebook, RSD, Twitter,

Melissa will send around the application information to SusCom.

Aiming to fill 27 spots, this year will be the first time that all of them are placed in the dorms that they're working in.

President's Sustainability Research Fellowship- looking to get 6 students.

Community Supported Agriculture- People should fill out the form so Aurora knows what to get.

Sustainability Summit on April 15- we need people to register, and we need people from SusCom and other sustainability groups to present.

First session is networking/tabling.

Second session is a workshop

Third session will be 3 minute update presentations.

You can submit to have a poster, you can submit to have a table.

Register: <http://goo.gl/forms/CEb3DysL5z>.

Some people are going to the workshop on April 3

Denise Crawford thought to invite those folks to a lunch on the Friday to meet with the some of the Lax invitees. It might be open to students/faculty/staff involved in sustainability work. Aurora and Melissa will be at a different conference at the time, unfortunately. But they want at least one person to be present, facilitate, and work with Denise to make it work.

Carr can be backup point-person

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2 people with a lot of experience managing projects like this are developing a proposal for next Wed with the details of what they want, and they'll get percentage of the revenue for their non-profit organization. The labor would be ~100 Strathaven kids through the music departments. They'd like ~\$5,000-10,000 for their share of the operation. There are 3 GA coordinators who might be involved to help coordinate. The Lang Center won't be managing it again, but it also isn't going to be just giving it all to goodwill like it was planned to be a little bit ago. Swat athletics is also considering using it as a fundraiser. Students would have to leave their donations at repositories. Each day, Strath students would move that stuff to the Field House throughout May. Starting June 1st, the two people will organize the stuff in the Field House. Main draw for students is dibbs on the items. We won't be taking over the field-house until after commencement. The two sale experts will take all the extra stuff at the end.

3) Green initiatives proposal: Good Food fence

\$15,000 is a lot of money.

Pricing out is accurate and worked out with the contractor. It includes the price of building a new shed. We could approve the shed or the fence or both. Sheila has been talking about what it would cost to use the college's normal fence guy, and it tentatively sounds similar in cost. We could approve it when we see alternative prices.

The fence will take ~2 weeks, and good food wants to start planting soon.

We certainly have the money in the fund for it.

How does it improve our program of sustainability?

The garden will be asked to not continue if they're not made more aesthetically pleasing.

Sheila has been talking with Jan and Susan and it seems to meet the standards. Adam is not yet sold (the neighbor), but he may misunderstand where the boundary is; we need to talk more with him. Sheila or Jess should continue that conversation.
Consensus: APPROVED

Showerhead project is stalled because of issues making signs. Malia started making signs, but there was confusion about if the GIF was going to fund the signs. It was communicated that the paper needs to be laminated. The whole thing could be done in a day. Signs are cheap. We'll follow up with students.

Next meeting will be same time two weeks from today.