Sustainability Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 13, 2014, 2-3 p.m.
Zero-Energy House


Not Present: Christine Campbell, Mabel Edmonds, Josie Meyer, Sam Parnell, Jamelyn Penn, Michael Taylor, and Phil Terry.

Welcome/Introductions

Dan Smith called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The group tabled the approval of meeting minutes until the next meeting because it was unclear if there was a quorum.

Next Steps for the Sustainability Strategic Plan & Committee Priorities

Debbie Collins reported on the Sustainability Plan for Josie Meyer. At the last meeting, it was Josie’s suggestion to table the plan until we get direction on how to move forward with the design. We received the six new Strategic Goals from Vice President Schoonmaker, and we already had the other three goals. Until we have leadership on the committee to help us move things forward, Josie suggested we table it for now.

Review Draft Annual Report

Dan reported that Christine Campbell and he submitted a draft Annual Report to Mabel Edmonds. Dan will ask Christine to send the draft to the committee for review. The formal report should be included on the committee’s web page.

Volunteer(s) for Report on Sustainability in Action and Updating Sustainability Web Page

Debbie reported for Josie that she does have a couple of submissions to pass along to Tawny Dotson for the Sustainability in Action. Beyond people sharing what they are doing, Josie feels that the blog could be used to educate people on campus about
sustainable practices. To start, she was thinking of brief quarterly write-ups and progress to once per month. Josie would like the committee to decide on four topics for the next four quarters and get a volunteer for each topic. The first topic could educate the campus on disposable water bottles impact on the environment, water-filling stations, and better alternatives for recycle bins.

Andy Fritz volunteered to write up something at the end of the summer about his outdoor classroom across the street regarding weeding and planting trees and post pictures of the trees they planted 4 years ago. Dan Smith will submit bullets for the blog about the Sustainable Building program, but it will not be for a while. Wayne Bridges volunteered to submit something for spring quarter. There will be more discussion regarding fall submissions.

Policy and Procedure Assignments

Dan asked to table the discussion for next month.

Review of Committee Members

Debbie reported that there are people on the membership roster who have not been active or attending meetings. She asked if these members could be removed from the membership. David Rich volunteered to check with Kandi Bauman to see if she still wants to be a member. The committee decided to remove Daniel Creech because he joined another committee. Debbie will check with Michelle Hillesland and Sam Parnell to see if they still want to be on the committee.

Curriculum Work Group Report:

Curriculum Development

Andy reported that the work group met with Jamilyn Penn and showed her the curriculum package. Jamilyn took the curriculum to Joyce Loveday, Vice President for Instruction, and received feedback that she is going to share with the committee. Joyce wants the committee’s input on the direction for implementation at this point.

Curriculum Approval

No report.

Next Meeting/Next Steps

The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2014, at 2 p.m.

Action Plan

1. Send draft Annual Report to the committee – Dan Smith and Christine Campbell
2. Add the formal Annual Report to the committee’s web page – Debbie
3. Write a blog for Sustainability in Action at the end of summer quarter – Andy
4. Write a blog for Sustainability in Action during spring quarter – Wayne
5. Update the committee membership roster – Debbie
6. Respond to Joyce Loveday with the direction for curriculum implementation – Committee

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.