

Environmental Council
Agenda
Thursday, November 5, at 8:00 in Ruby Jones 203

Attending: Ed Bruno, Joy Fritschle, Peter Galloway, Anne Herzog, Gerald Hertel, Tim Lutz, Kurt Kolasinski, Daria Nikitina, Jeff Osgood, Marianne Peffall, Tim Ray, Harry Tiebout, Joan Welch, Joan Woolfrey, John Crodian

- Increasing student awareness through Facebook

John Crodian, in conjunction with WRT 220 class, is studying transportation issues and sustainable food. As a service component, he wants to help raise student awareness by setting up a Facebook account for the Environmental Council. He and Kurt Kolasinski will have administrator access to the account. It is intended that this will be passed down to another interested student once Crodian graduates.

- Update on the Middle States Review and report from working groups

Working group report should be ready by Mar 13.

From Working Group: Educational Offerings and Related Educational Activities Workgroup, Co-chair: Lynda Baloché, Professor of Elementary Education & Anita Foeman, Professor of Communication Studies, Standard 11: Educational Offerings, a draft (supplied by Walt Cressler) of their response to Question 12 was read to the Council. Question 12 states, "How has the University's commitment to integrating environmental sustainability and global awareness influenced curricula and co-curricular activities?" Their draft is a fair representation of the information provided to them from Council members and the WCUGreen.org website.

- Status of petition from inauguration

Further circulation has not been followed up on. Woolfrey and Kolasinski to coordinate.

- Discussion of Sustainability Coordinator draft and possible candidates. Green vs Sustainability

The article "Green vs Sustainability" has been posted on web in the "What is Sustainability" section. Paul Morgan has also supplied by email a series of links for further information that might be useful in developing the job description of a sustainability coordinator:

A Practical Guide to Hiring a Sustainability Professional for Universities and Colleges

http://www.c2e2.org/sustainability_guide.pdf

Emory University - Director of Sustainability Initiatives

http://www.aashe.org/documents/resources/pdf/emory_director.pdf

Portland State University - Sustainability Coordinator

http://www.aashe.org/documents/resources/pdf/psu_sustainability_coordinator.pdf

University of Toronto at Mississauga - Sustainability Coordinator

http://www.aashe.org/documents/resources/pdf/utm_sustainability_coord.pdf

University of North Carolina Chapel Hill - Sustainability Coordinator

<http://www.aashe.org/documents/resources/UNCSustainabilityCoordinatorPD-102R.pdf>

Dartmouth College - Sustainability Coordinator
http://www.aashe.org/documents/resources/pdf/dartmouth_coordinator.pdf

When will call be put out for the 6 credit AWA? After the meeting Peter Galloway followed up with Matt Bricketto, who was surprised that the call had not gone out already. His recommendation was for the EC through the co-chairs to reach out to see where this stood.

- GREENandSAVE, developing a course in Home Efficiency Check-Ups

LED Lighting Solutions, a program of GREENandSAVE, has approached West Chester University to do an LED retrofit at the University. More information on the program is available at <http://www.ledsavingsolutions.com/>. Marianne Peffall followed up with Bruce Wilson, Energy Projects Manager at WCU. He pointed out to them that WCU is not currently looking at making any further lighting upgrades. He referred them to Tom MacNeal since their line of outdoor fixtures might be of interest as he replaces some of WCU's older fixtures.

- President Weisenstein speaking during Earth Week

His office confirms that he will speak. We need to set a date and time, and make preparations to ensure the largest possible audience. If the Council wants Deans and Depts to get involved, we need to encourage that, an organizing committee (Gerry Hertel, Peter Galloway and Tim Lutz) was formed. Student Senate involvement will be sought. Lutz through BLUER to talk to the Borough to probe their involvement. We are aiming for an evening event in Sykes. Galloway to check on room availability.

- Coal on Campus, PR for geothermal, Sierra Club

Tom Park is seeking multimillion-dollar grants for completion of the geothermal system. There is a proposed date for phase out of the coal-fired boiler but it is still contingent on funding. We should ensure that PR word gets out once this proposal is finalized.

- Budget, Renewal of AASHE membership

- Geosciences and interdisciplinary research related to Environment, Society, and the Economy

Marc Gagne brought this item to the attention of the Council and will help liaise between the interested parties and Geology faculty. Any council members interested in getting involved with Geology in collaborative research under this rubric should visit the NSF website (<http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2009/nsf09046/nsf09046.jsp>). Notices have also been posted on WCUGreen.org in the Research sections of Geology, Sociology, Geography and Planning, Political Science, and Economics & Finance.

- Website: Hosting Invoice, History, Events

Pass invoice to Grace Kelly. Council members are reminded to check the History section of WCUGreen.org to ensure accuracy and completeness of information. The Events section has not only WCU events but local and regional events listed from time to time.

- Sustainability Focused Webcast: Carbon Neutral Campus Architecture, November 19, 1-3 pm (in information in Events)

- Great Valley Farms Follow up

- Any other business

The University does not have plans for an addition to Gordon Area. Video of the GNA has begun filming.

There is support from President for adding a sustainability requirement to general curriculum.

10-Year Comprehensive Facilities Plan. The main process will occur in mid-spring but planning beginning now. There will be an OPEN FORUM on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at the Philips Autograph Library from 3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. for an introduction and discussion of the 10-Year Comprehensive Facilities Plan. Council members are encouraged to attend.