CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Monday, October 8th
2pm, Kendall 207/209

Members Present: Larson, Kitchell, Ruiz, Hanson, Teves, Guzzi, Buckley, Goodsell, Souders, Crosswhite, Johnson, Connors, Matiasek, Sistrunk, Millard, Daley.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Hutchinson, Whiteley, Altier, Giovanni.

MEETING MINUTES

1. Committee member introductions

2. Charge to committee and review of Executive Memorandum 11-017. The charge to this committee is to provide campus with leadership toward a more sustainable future. Sustainability is part of our strategic priorities as a campus and we are committed to the agreements that our university has made. With 2030 fast approaching, we need to make progress and create greater strategy, clarity and coordination across campus. (President Hutchinson)

3. November open forum on sustainability – request for feedback. Date has been set tentatively for November 9th and the plan is to have a session with small group conversations facilitated by committee members or others active on campus for sustainability efforts. Open to entire campus community. (Larson/Kitchell).

   • “This Way to Sustainability” Conference: we may want to assess the timing of the event and how to generate more interest on campus. Discussion of whether time frame should be adjusted to accommodate a call for proposals and design of coursework. (Daley and Millard).

   • AS suggests that professors speak about sustainability more often with their students and mention the conference (Hanson).

   • Faculty engagement: colleges could be required to participate in the conference (Altier).

   • Climate commitments: FMS advocates that we need to change campus behaviors in order to meet scope 3 of the agreement signed by Zingg. We need a culture change and need to figure out solutions quickly in order to meet the 2030 deadline (Guzzi).

   • Measuring sustainability on campus. What metrics are we tracking? Even if we are shifting knowledge, how do we track what behavior has changed? There is a need to address the divide between knowledge and behavior (Millard).

   • We could model after the format for the strategic planning forums; include a facilitator to host 10 minutes of conversation, then swap tables. This way people stay engaged and can discuss multiple topics (30 minutes; 3 tables). (Goodsell)
• Include a topic with diversity or civic engagement to draw in more campus involvement. Mention social justice or environmental justice to bring other key players to the table. Suggested inviting Susan Roll to moderate on the topic of “justice.” (Millard)

• Document content and use social media to increase involvement and get people talking (Souders).

4. Discuss the letter on sustainability and the background and context for November Sustainability Open Forum: we are currently re-energizing our interest as a campus around sustainability. Efforts have been lagging since 2015-2016. In addition, balanced budget spending plans were being rolled out from Academic Affairs. Currently we are assessing reassignment of staff, infrastructure and commitment of FMS, efforts in regenerative agriculture, the sustainability conference and the general education pathway. The Resilient Cities project is in phase 4 which is the last phase. EM could use some updates. We are hoping that through this committee we can serve as the leadership entity that crosses divisions on campus to identify our path forward and meet the climate neutrality agreements. (Larson).

• An important revitalization effort for sustainability would be to ask the colleges to reaffirm their commitment to sustainability and identify how they’re going to activate and re-energize that affirmation (Altier).

• Encouragement and congratulations on re-launching this committee. Acknowledgment that in the past, this committee came up with creative things and made changes effectively and quickly, and currently there is potential for this to be a very effective committee (Sistrunk).

• One concern is the lack of conversation on campus about sustainability. While efforts in FMS have continued, there is limited communication among faculty regarding sustainability efforts, even for those involved in the GE pathways program (Millard).

5. Establish plan for future meetings: continue using monthly time on Mondays from 2-3pm.

• Items for next meeting:
  - Committee membership
  - Committee work plan for 2018/19

6. Announcements

• Upcoming events:
  - Octo 10, 2018 Sustainability conference planning meeting (Daley) in MLIB 161
  - Oct 16, 2018 Campus Sustainability Day
  - Oct 28-31, 2018 CSU Facilities Management Conference
  - Green Campus student group presentation
  - Energy Managers meeting
  - Mar 28-29, 2019 This Way to Sustainability Conference – proposal deadline 10/31/18

• Reminder: FMS Sustainability Manager position closes on Oct 9, 2018.

7. Adjourn