

Sustainability Council Meeting
Minutes

May 20, 2011

Members Present: Noted at 14 members

The minutes from the April 15, 2011 meeting were acknowledged as satisfactory.

Jessica Heller reported that the Ignatian Garden is developing nicely with the addition of a trellace and a picnic table. She is putting together monthly community garden work parties for all plot holders.

The Council discussed having more relevance in water conservation efforts. The outcome of the conversation was the need for a listing of water using devices on campus to better understand how water is used.

Ed DuPree along with Chris Boitano and Ryan Lahne presented a draft of a resolution to claim fair trade status as a university. After some comments, it was agreed that Ed would change some of the language and bring the next draft of the resolution to the June meeting unless the draft was accepted by Council via electronics communication prior to the June meeting.

Ed DuPree updated the Council on the trail program relating to Payless using totes in lieu of cardboard boxes and other packaging. The program is being tested by six departments on campus. Most of the issues with the program are tied to storage of the totes. In conversation with payless, Ed is considering testing a program for re-usage bags in lieu of totes. Ed will report back to Council later in the summer.

Lennis Pederson informed the Council that Amy Helms has agreed to chair the sum-committee involved with increasing mass transit ridership. The first meeting of the sub committee is early in July.

Lennis Pederson will work with Public Relations and others to develop a procedural document about how and where to use the sustainability logo.

Parking for electric vehicles was introduced to the Council. Lennis Pederson informed the members that a sub committee to review options and draft procedures was being formed. Not much action is anticipated until later in July.

The Council accepted the audit of Council activities as prepared by Joe Zaborowski and Ken Reed-Bouley. The findings indicated a robust sustainability effort on campus.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

The next meeting is at 2:00 pm on June 17, 2011 in the Union Pacific Room.