

Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2008

Start Time: 10:05 a.m.

- I. Introductions
- II. Fundraising Event Summary:
 - a. Dr. Canberg is organizing a green fundraiser with her class that will raise funds for the Sustainability Committee.
 - b. Charleston Harbor on Sunday April 13th from 4-9pm with a ferry running from Maritime Center
 - c. Flyers and emails will go out to notify school and community
 - d. Blue dogs will be providing music
 - e. Question: Should we have a booth for the event?
 - i. We can partner with the bookstore booth
- III. Task Force Updates
 - a. Recycling:
 - i. Focused on getting some baseline from the campus.
 - ii. Meeting with the recycling staff
 - iii. Need to: standardize bins, meet with building managers, and improve communication.
 - iv. Potential for internship?
 - v. Need fore more staff to help with recycling, perhaps funded through work-study,
 - vi. Can crushing machine for dorms at \$328 each to give students some incentive.
 - vii. Need to involve athletics and invite them to subcommittee meetings
 - b. Energy/Buildings:
 - i. Focus on the presidents climate commitment
 - ii. Establish a policy for LEED Silver, which falls into line with current state legislation
 - iii. Adopt an energy efficient appliance policy and work with residence life, which is already doing so.
 - iv. Offset green house gas by air-travel. This is kind of hard to quantify
 - v. Use of public transportation- CARTA aids in achieving this, but we should push for a covered shelter on Calhoun and work with the city. Also encourage a bike to work day using funds from the public safety bike auction.

Need to a bike rack inventory as well as an improvement in the intercampus travel.

- vi. Achieving 15% renewable energy sources in a year is going to be a hard goal to reach, but we should look into getting green energy credits. Potential done through an increase in tuition.
 - vii. Establish a committee for our shareholders
 - viii. Participate in waste minimization through recyclemania, which is already taking place.
- c. Policy:
- i. Need to work together to establish an effective policy. There is a meeting on March 12th at 10a.m. in the Basement of the Lightsey center B1.
 - ii. Focus on integrated approach
 - iii. Lobby for a sustainability coordinator
- d. Education:
- i. Focus on getting the message out regarding sustainable initiatives on campus. The website is helping with this
 - ii. Need to work on communication of recycling procedures on campus
 - iii. Faculty and staff training on how to integrate sustainability into curriculum. Encourage participation on campus through extra credit in classes
 - iv. Have a showcase house/dorm using green techniques and lifestyle. Partner with department to provide training, leadership, and enforcement.
 - v. Integrate concepts into orientation, campus tours etc. Train the interns to include information

IV. General Goals:

- a. Update existing website:
 - i. Every task force needs to have an action plan and summary of accomplishments
 - ii. Need to establish a main contact for each task force.
- b. Presidents Climate Commitment:
 - i. All groups need to stay focused on the commitment and try to use it as a reference tool for creating action plan.

Meeting Times will now be on the last Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m.