

Meeting Minutes:
Sustainability Committee
October 29th, 2007

Meeting Start Time: 10:15am

1. Introductions
2. Overview of campus sustainability from Burton: discussion of existing groups, ideas, the recycling committee and Burton's position
 - a. Use other school's as guide, such as Clemson's sustainability committee.
 - b. Need the involvement of entire campus and all departments.
 - c. Four areas: 1. "Doing the right thing" 2. Completing the mission of the school. 3. Good Press and Recruitment. 4. Money
3. Project Ideas
 - a. Setting aside a policy/procedure
 - i. Environmental Policy
 1. Recycling: being creative and having administrative support
 - ii. Green Building policy
 1. LEED certification: requirements for state funding, Grice Lab, cost of certification
 - iii. Sustainability Coordinator
 1. Christine VonKolnitz as a resource
 - b. Green Cleaning:
 - i. Helping with indoor air quality
 - ii. Switching without telling students
 - iii. Using other schools that have switched as a resource. Training has been offered from another school.
 - c. Orientating and educating students
 - d. Composting:
 - i. using Dixie Plantation,
 - ii. working with farmers,
 - iii. training kitchen staff,
 - iv. biodiesel from fryers.
 - e. Need to spread out the burden, so that we don't create barriers to adopting these measures
 - f. Using the Cistern again, collect rain water and use for landscaping.
 - i. Good publicity
 - ii. Center of campus
 - g. Use of Native Plants
 - i. Existing garden on campus
 - ii. Mini-grants for projects
 - iii. Less water and less pesticides
 - h. Energy:
 - i. Musc Lightbulbs- LED in exit signs
 - ii. We are currently using them in the dorms.
 - iii. Performance contracts that will give us some ideas on what we should change

- iv. We are using tankless water heaters in some of the dorms as well as controllers on water systems
 - v. Consideration of geothermal
- i. Dining services:
 - i. Cardboard recycling- over 500 pieces a day
 - ii. No aluminum cans
 - iii. Green catering products, offered but not heavily used
 - iv. Use of sustainable fisheries
 - v. Want to use organic and small farms, but they must have \$5,000 insurance liability.
- j. Alternative Fuel Sources:
 - i. Biodiesel
 - ii. Hydrogen (Clemson and USC)
 - iii. Green Dorms
 - iv. Wind Power
 - v. Tidal Energy
 - vi. Energy Monitoring per minute in the buildings, especially the dorms. Show students how much power they are using. Have contests to reduce the amount of used power.
- k. Physical Plant:
 - i. Osha and Ashrae standards must be met.
 - ii. Energy Audits
- l. When we are purchasing new products, we should have a set of standards for staff to reference.
- m. Changing classes to include information to students
 - i. Bio-labs, especially ones for non-majors, are a great way to address this. Discussion on ecological footprint etc.
- n. Need for a Report Card
 - i. Create criteria
 - ii. Share Ideas
 - iii. Use administrative assistants in every department
- o. Next Meeting:
 - i. Tuesday November 20th at 10a.m.