

**MINUTES**  
**Sustainability Committee**  
**Tuesday, December 1, 2009**  
**3:30, STC Board Room**

Present: Joe Brandon, Susan Briggs, Jim Efta, Chris Guttenberg, Dorothy Seymour, Tom Wagenknecht

Absent: Heather Brooks, Brett Christian, Beth Davis, Ricki Jones, Jack Kirkley, Mark Krank, Cathi Love

**Carbon Neutrality Plan/Carbon Reduction Plan**

Jim distributed a handout proposing that we submit a Carbon Reduction Plan rather than a Carbon Neutrality Plan. It was determined to recommend the 1% plan to the Chancellor. Susan and Jim will talk to him. Chris will send the draft to the committee in early January for review. This will be done by email.

The handout states: "I propose that we submit to the ACUPCC the Montana Western Carbon Reduction Plan (MWCRP) rather than a Carbon Neutrality Plan. It is unlikely that the university will have the resources to become completely carbon neutral, as the only way this can happen would be for the institution to purchase carbon offsets. This could result in costs to the institution that would interfere with completing our Mission as well as compromising our ability to continue with our carbon mitigation efforts, especially during the current difficult economic time.

"In general the MWCRP will address these areas of focus for campus carbon reduction efforts. These areas are:

- Campus Physical Plant
- Campus Waste Streams
- Campus Transportation..."

"An appropriate goal might be a 1% reduction in our carbon footprint, with the next report (September 2010) to the ACUPCC being the baseline."

Discussion was held regarding developing a carbon reduction action plan, which is due on January 15, 2010 to the ACUPCC.

**Next Meeting: Start of Spring Semester 2010**