

MINUTES
Sustainability Committee
Tuesday, December 14, 2010
3:30, STC Board Room

Present: Jim Efta, Cathi Love, Linda Lyon, Dorothy Seymour, Tom Wagenknecht

Absent: Joe Brandon, Susan Briggs, Bob Campbell, Ricki Jones, Jack Kirkley, Mark Krank, Jeff Nelson

Block Hall

Jim reported that State A&E will fund and facilitate replacing west side office windows. This will entail reducing the size of the windows and putting in double pane glass. For now we will only do offices, as there isn't enough money available to do classrooms at this time. This should make offices more comfortable.

The Short building window upgrade still requires an energy study, which had already been done for Block Hall so that project could be moved forward quickly.

IT Metals Improvement Project

A&E is also willing to do work on IT-Metals, which would target the poor ventilation for ovens/kilns, drop the ceiling in the big room where ceramic work is done, put a different heat system in, and add some extra insulation or concrete block walls (adjacent to the storage area). A&E must do an engineering review before they can proceed with this project.

Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Report

The report, which is due biennially to ACUPCC, is almost finished. We still need to get a commuter survey out to students. We have some information already from the parking decal surveys. The greenhouse gas report notes per student/per footage greenhouse gas production.

The Carbon Reduction Plan is printed and available outside the Admissions Office.

Other

We need to get more projects going, particularly with students. Perhaps a dorm competition to improve recycling efforts. We need to look at what we can measure.

A space for bike repair in IT-Woods is in the carpentry space, which is also used by Youth Challenge and the IT Club. The plan in Phase II of the building renovation is to keep part of the carpentry space as a woodshop and convert one end into a classroom.

Linda Lyon reported that Earth Hour is in March and Earth Day is April 16th. Plans are being made to involve more students, faculty, and staff in the Earth Hour activities, where lights are turned off around the world for one hour. Support from the Chancellor for ideas such as turning off lights for that hour would be helpful to make it be more encompassing. It was noted that this could be a safety issue, but perhaps we could have an extra security guard for that time? Jim will talk to the Chancellor to see what his concerns are and what we can do to address those concerns.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 8, 2011, 3:30, STC Board Room