

MINUTES
Sustainability Committee
Tuesday, February 1, 2011
3:30, STC Board Room

Present: Joe Brandon, Susan Briggs, Jim Efta, Ronnika Kendall, Cathi Love, Tom Wagenknecht

Absent: Nathan Boll, Bob Campbell, Brett Christian, Ricki Jones, Jack Kirkley, Mark Krank, Linda Lyon, Jeff Nelson, Dorothy Seymour

Greenhouse Gas Inventory

The UMW Greenhouse Gas Inventory should be done by next week. Jim will send out an email of where we are now vs. two years ago.

PV System in STC

There are problems with the PV system and we were told to shut it off by the installed and manufacturer. We are waiting for replacement parts and hope to fix it mid-month and do in-house to repair. It's a recall issue so no cost to us.

Northwestern PV & Wind Power Demo

Tom said we need to excavate to put in concrete for the base. There is another tower we could put a weather station on if we want. Susan said we need to be careful about engineering due to liability. Putting in a greenhouse is a step in this, too. Chris Guttenberg will be here to work on it as part of his thesis work. Tom said there's a full kit from Northwest Energy that we should be able to put up easily.

Energy Conservation

Tom distributed a handout on energy use. Susan suggested we do a campus campaign about energy conservation as our energy usage and subsequent costs are going up. Jim said that December 2010 saw an increase in power costs, so some of the higher expenditure is from rate increase over the previous December. Jim said he'll look at what's going on in each building and groups of buildings.

The group discussed clarifications and edits to the handout. Tom will bring four or five examples of how to present the information. The committee will then discuss ideas for presenting to the students. Ronnika suggested possibly giving the information to professors at the beginning of each block.

Next meeting: To Be Determined