

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE 06/19/2012

TIME 1:15 PM– 2:45 PM

LOCATION UL 1116

CALLED BY Colleen McCormick

FACILITATOR Colleen McCormick

NOTE TAKER Christal English

ATTENDEES Jennifer Boehm (Community Relations); Tim Corson (School of Medicine); Jerome Dumortier (SPEA); Deb Ferguson (Office of Sustainability); Gabrielle Fillipelli (Earth Sciences/Center for Urban Health); Patty Hollingsworth (Healthy IU); Pierre-Andre Jacinthe (Earth Sciences); John Kamman (CFS); Jane Luzar (Honors College/SPEA); Pam Martin (CEES/Earth Sciences); Colleen McCormick (Office of Sustainability); Kevin Mouser (Environmental Health and Safety); Richard A. Strong (EHS); Stephen Jay (Public Health) Becky Thacker (Information Technology/Staff Council)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Office of Sustainability Updates

Interns

Deb Ferguson announced the recent hire of Christal English as Communications and Marketing Intern for the Office of Sustainability as well as the recent search process for a second intern to aid with the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS) data collection and analysis. She also discussed current student involvement in the IUPUI Tree Inventory project being conducted in conjunction with Dan Johnson. A total of four students have been employed to work for 12 weeks during summer 2012. Students working on the Tree Inventory are cataloging current tree species across campus in an effort to identify future areas for planting plus designing a Geographic Information Systems database.

Earth Month

235 individuals participated in ToxAway Day. The following hazardous materials were collected at the 2012 event:

- 5465 pounds e-waste collected
- 5300 pounds paint collected
- 2681 pounds HHW collected

Lettuce and onion seedlings were also distributed via this event.

In commemoration of Arbor Day, volunteers from a series of three events planted approximately 40 trees during the month of April.

Pro 100

Pro 100 is a current initiative geared toward getting local high school students 14-19 years of age interested in college. The School of Education is supporting approximately 14 Pro 100 teens to help Developing IUPUI Gardens Sustainably (DIGS) with campus gardening and the Tree Inventory project throughout the month of July.

Gardening Workshops with Purdue Extension

The Gardening 103 workshop was successfully held in June 2012. This event offered participants hands-on experience with planting. A master preservationist is scheduled to expand upon recently issued planting and preservation tips at the next workshop.

Funding/Awards Received

The Center for Service & Learning, the Office of Student Employment, the Solution Center, and the Office of Sustainability are each facilitating financial support for student assistance with the Tree Inventory project as well as the Tree U.S.A. application process and DIG gardening management.

The Summer Work Initiative Program and Solution Center are currently funding two IUPUI Sustainability internships per semester.

IUPUI Sustainability has received a Recycling Bin Grant that will enable the receipt of 305 new recycling units; new units will be used to satisfy campus housing, waste-reduction needs.

A new themed residence, the Sustainability House, is scheduled to open fall 2012; the green-themed housing will subsequently support IUPUI Sustainability funding initiatives.

Sustainability Draft Policies

Colleen McCormick gave an update on the Faculty and Staff Councils' reviews of Sustainability's draft policies. The Staff Council approved current wording but suggested more clarification on two main issues: How sustainability is being communicated across campus and Student compliance with and enforcement for the policies. The Faculty Council further emphasized the need for language that urges stronger enforcement. Steering Committee members proposed the ideas of incorporating more information about current enforcements for policies, attaching policies to contracts for outside constituents, and possibly cooperating with local officials on enforcement. Colleen asked Steering Committee members to consider other potential revisions and submit these to her prior to the next meeting.

Greening IUPUI Grant

Deb Ferguson discussed statuses for the nine winning projects of this year's Greening IUPUI Grant.

University Library (UL) Green Team members are collaborating on the Natives Planting Project. The team will plant native species along the entryway of UL but has delayed action until September in an effort to facilitate plant growth and health.

The Bat Box Project is underway. Informational/educational signage is currently being designed for each of the boxes.

Green Purchasing Project representatives are planning a session in August on best practices for green purchasing. Fiscal officers and purchasing agents from various campus divisions have been invited to attend.

DIGS is furthering their urban gardening efforts by planning an educational session led by Matthew Jose on sustainable agriculture.

Event Management is working to develop best practices for green event planning.

A total of four, new hydration stations are being installed in Cavanaugh Hall.

Sustainability House is currently underway and scheduled to open in fall 2012.

Additional recycling receptacles are being purchased to increase recycling activity outdoors.

The Center for Young Children is developing activities for teaching sustainable practices to the children in their care.

Subcommittee Updates

Academic (Jane Luzar)

The Academic Committee has held two meetings thus far.

Administrative planning for the Sustainability Certificate is in progress, including requisite courses. SPEA will administer the certificate. It's anticipated that students will be able to count relevant, previously completed coursework toward the certificate once it becomes an official offering.

IUPUI Sustainability intends to add the undergraduate major in Sustainability Policy/Management to the degree offerings section of its website.

Sustainability House will open fall 2012; the Greening IUPUI Grant is being applied toward both structural and social features of the unit (e.g. landscaping, educational endeavors, etc.). SPEA is additionally facilitating the unit's green-themed efforts and activities. 25 students have been selected to reside in Sustainability House for the 2012-13 academic terms.

A student group is collaborating on sustainability teaching and research opportunities.

The Academic Committee is collaborating with the SPEA Bridge Program on resources.

A new service project sponsored by the Center for Earth and Environmental Science (CEES) is underway.

Faculty and Staff are currently being sought to participate in a fall 2012 speaker series.

Land, Air, Water (Pierre-Andre Jacinthe and Kevin Mouser)

The Land, Air, and Water Committee is in the process of editing and finalizing their respective policies.

The past management policy has been cited for review and revision.

The Sustainability policies/goals for development have been reviewed and deemed appropriate.

Current Land, Water, and Air initiatives include increasing native species on campus, recent legislative tobacco changes, storm-water protection, lamp recycling, and greenhouse gas emission inventory.

The Land, Air, and Water Committee has previously had difficulty coordinating member availabilities. Co-chairs will collaborate with Communications and Marketing to identify a standing date and time for their meetings.

Built Environment/Energy (Jan Cowan, David Goodman, and John Kamman)

The Built Environment/Energy Committee needs to review and refine building standards (i.e. make existing standards more stringent).

The Built Environment/Energy Committee has proposed a Qualified Savings Project (i.e. energy conservation measures) that will involve converting air handling systems in certain campus buildings, changing lamps and occupancy sensors, and metering buildings.

LEED certification standards are being enforced for new campus buildings and evaluated for existing buildings.

Campus Facility Services is working with IPL to install solar panels on top of the BS/SPEA building. This will serve as the first installation of renewable energy on the IUPUI campus.

The installation of hydration stations in the BS/SPEA building is pending. Chris Stephens is managing the project. Deb Ferguson will follow up with Chris to facilitate forward movement.

Recycling/Waste Reduction (Amanda Cecil and Rich Strong)

The Recycling/Waste Reduction Committee has held one meeting thus far.

The Recycling/Waste Reduction Committee is currently trying to reach a resolution on IUPUI's waste removal contract. The main dilemma involves multi-stream versus single-stream. The issue will remain pending until the new contract is signed.

A group of Herron students recently evaluated recycling options for IUPUI and presented a proposal for revamping and redesigning recycling receptacles across campus.

The Recycling/Waste Reduction Committee endorses Event Management's efforts toward developing green event planning practices.

The Recycling/Waste Reduction Committee is currently examining ways to increase recycling and reduce waste for campus construction projects as well as considering development of a surplus outlet for reusing materials.

The Recycling/Waste Reduction Committee has decided on 18 priorities.

Transportation (Jerome Dumortier and Rich Strong)

The Transportation Committee has held two meetings thus far.

The Transportation Committee has decided upon 16 priorities, 6 of which are bike-related. Consequently, Transportation may form a special subgroup for bicycle initiatives.

Current Transportation initiatives include developing a bike-exchange program in collaboration with the city, developing a bike-path plan, developing a zip-car program, promoting mass transit, and developing a shuttle system between IUPUI and IUB. Transportation is still prioritizing its initiatives.

Jeremy McElroy is presenting IUPUI's Bicycle Friendly University proposal to the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Auxiliary Services.

The city is currently considering a proposal to convert Michigan and New York into two-way streets and to reduce the speed limit to 25 miles per hour.

A transportation management survey is being proposed as a Capstone project for SPEA students to examine residence and parking operations data. Analyses will be used to help determine future transportation improvements for the IUPUI campus.

Public Health (Colleen McCormick and Stephen Jay)

The Public Health Committee met in April 2012; few members attended.

The Public Health Committee has proposed seeking an MPH student to conduct air monitoring for fine particles and has proposed a feasibility study on a campus farmers market as a possible SPEA Capstone project.

The Public Health Committee continues to seek and provide support for DIGS.

Jane Luzar and Gabrielle Bovenzi are overseeing the IUPUI Tobacco Free Task Force; the Public Health Committee is involved in supporting this task force.

NEXT MEETING

September 2012, Date and Time TBA