

**Campus Sustainability Initiative Meeting**  
**February 21, 2011**  
**1:00 – 2:30 pm**  
**Center for Earth and Environmental Science Offices - Walker Plaza Building 300**

**Attendees**

Lenore Tedesco, Lorrie Brown, John Kamman, Jane Luzar, Kevin Mouser, Jennifer Boehm, Kara Salazar, Pat Fox, Rich Strong, Jill Victor, Bill Brown (via conference call), Emily Wren

**Policy Update and Progress – Dr. Lenore Tedesco**

- Three policies – Integrated Pest Management, Vehicle Idling, and Mercury Elimination - submitted to Chancellor Bantz for review Chancellor Bantz asked Dawn Rhodes and Uday Sukhatme to manage review process - still to be determined.
  - Inquired what next steps are for approvals
- Waste Minimization Policy
  - Fluorescent bulbs are included in university-sponsored recycling program
  - Revised policy draft from 4/26/10 ready for sustainability steering committee review and comments then forward to Chancellor Bantz
  - Kevin Mouser to send to Kara Salazar – Kara will send draft policy out to committee
- Low/No VOC Policy
  - Developed from Energy/Built Environment Committee
  - Consistent with University Architect's Office standards
  - Policy draft ready for sustainability steering committee review and comments then forward to Chancellor Bantz
  - John Kamman to send to Kara Salazar – Kara will send draft policy out to committee
- New policies will be bundled together once approved by steering committee to send to Chancellor Bantz

**Sustainability Report – Kara Salazar and Jill Victor**

- Based on annual report structure – examples from other campus sustainability reports
- Report covers 2005-2010
- Jill compiled background information from past five years and coordinated with committee chairs
- Need feedback and edits from committee – target for completion is April (first quarter of fiscal year)
- Kara will receive edits and coordinate with Jill to complete document
  - Include following: Photos; Common Theme Supplement (Jane Luzar); Co-curricular Programming (Lorrie Brown)

**Sustainability Office Proposal – Rich Strong**

- Began research for position and office during fall 2010
- Proposal sent to Dawn Rhodes February 2011
- Chancellor supports the sustainability program
- Proposal built case for an office – not yet finalized so not distributed to the steering committee – will distribute when finalized
  - Proposal budget consists of \$150,000 for Director and Student interns
- Outlines an advisory committee and steering committee structure
- Different funding structures proposed
- Outside letters of support possible if needed – Indianapolis Office of Sustainability offered support

- Proposal includes job description
  - Would include coordinating campus sustainability efforts, writing grant proposals to fund projects
- Notes – AASHE has a self assessment tool that would eliminate the need for other grading systems – Bloomington currently uses the self assessment tool

#### **IUPUI Urban Garden Update – Kara Salazar**

- Garden implemented last fall 2010 semester
- Tremendous support from campus community
- Student Group – Developing IUPUI Gardens Sustainably – DIGS working on logistics
  - Rachel Bennett President – also staff member at EHS
- Faculty/Staff Steering committee supporting effort through administrative logistics and volunteering
  - Matt Groshek and Colleen McCormick co-chaired steering committee last year
    - Matt stepping down due to sabbatical; Colleen left IUPUI for new position
  - Kara Salazar coordinating steering committee and seeking co-chair if possible
- CEES received funding for service learning assistant to server as urban garden manager – Kara Salazar providing mentor oversight for student – Surachate Pinich
- Work days planned for planting and urban garden manager organizing tasks for volunteers
- Next steps are to secure location after November 2011 – current location will be used for staging grounds for new science building
  - Ball fields possible location – Emily Wren will discuss at upcoming exterior projects committee
- Distribution logistics also in process – would like to donate produce to food pantries as a designated Peace Garden
  - Contacted Risk Management and IUPUI Food Safety Committee – looks like is possible but obtaining letters and finalized logistics for approval

#### **Updates on Common Theme, Green Teams, Earth Day, Potential Green Fee – Dr. Jane Luzar**

- **Common Theme**
  - Current co-chair with Gayle Williams
  - Completing year 2 of sustainability theme – Featured books for, Year 1: Deep Economy; Year 2: No Impact Man
  - Conducted No Impact Week and set up unit/ departmental Green Teams as outcome of week
  - New theme will be Change Your World
    - Looking for larger PR events to engage community
  - Common theme website will change over upon completion of current theme
- **Advisor for Student Sustainability Council of IUPUI**
  - 10 students funded to attend AASHE and then tasked to formulate ideas for project implementation
  - Started council as umbrella group for sustainability efforts on campus – around 8 groups already affiliated with council
  - Focusing support on Sustainability Director, optional Green Fee program, Earth Day events
- **Earth Day Event on Campus – April 27**
  - Networking Event – need contacts and ideas of groups to invite from steering committee
  - Will set up around Taylor Hall

- Several events are being planned, including Biology Club Plant Sale, Rain Barrel Demo, Sustainable food / Lunch @ Campus Center; Town Hall event; Tree Planting
- Demonstration event/ project planned at Center for Young Children
  - Energy Audit; Gardening
- **Green Fee**
  - Optional fee of \$5 for full time students and \$2.50 for part-time students
  - IUB had petition and created fee as result
  - UITS sustainable computing created site: <http://petitions.iupui.edu/green>
  - Need 3000 signatures to support fee
  - Closes on April 15, 2011
- **Degree Programs**
  - SPEA is planning two degrees through MPA and BS programs
  - Engineering has a certificate in sustainable technology
  - Science is planning a concentration in sustainability for the BSES program
  - Liberal Arts and Business also interested – possibly create a campus-wide minor in Sustainability similar to Leadership minor
- **Green Teams**
  - Several departments and units on campus formed teams from No Impact Week
  - Need FAQs for contacts and resources – currently no one place to send people
  - Groups have lots of interest but no direct contact
  - Sustainability office will help with direction
  - Intern Jill Victor compiled tips to help with project ideas
- **Website**
  - Transfer to campus-wide site when have sustainability office/director
  - CEES site temporary until have Sustainability Office
  - Will need host site for Green Teams when Common Theme changes

### **CFS Sustainability Updates – John Kamman**

- Grounds installation smart irrigation via Greening IUPUI Grant funds
  - Smart controllers with centralized weather stations located at Campus Center and Physical Plant
- Implementing green cleaning pilot at Campus Center focusing on reusable products
- Ceiling tile recycling program
  - Working with a local company that accepts the multitude of tiles that campus has – need to separate types in order to recycle
- Energy
  - Qualified Energy Savings – Federal Bond Program
    - \$15 million bonds available for campus energy programs – need a 10 year payback
    - Identified four buildings to participate in energy retrofits including photovoltaic additions, HVAC upgrades, low-flow water installations, and other lighting upgrades: Engineering, Business/SPEA, Medical Research Library, Gatch Clinical
    - The projects in the four buildings will cost \$7.5 million and will save \$1.3 million per year
    - Received positive feedback to start program – need federal and state government approvals
    - Other campuses in IU system already completed projects

- Will change exterior lighting for down-lights – night sky friendly
  - Garages have new induction lighting
- Other Alternative Energy Projects
  - Possibly install solar panels on new garages
  - Possibly install small turbine in conjunction with Lugar Center as a lab/demo project

#### **Greening IUPUI Grants – Rich Strong**

- 11 preliminary proposals submitted
  - Preliminary proposal call new for this year to receive feedback from appropriate contacts
- Full proposals due end of February
- Committee to be named to review and select proposals to award funds

#### **Additional Topics**

- International artist Mary Miss funded by IMA to do FLOW project
- Highlighting awareness of White River
- Installations throughout Indianapolis
- Kick off events in September with festivals throughout city
  - Great opportunity to connect campus
  - Talking to Regatta organizers to make connection for events
- Lilly ARBOR Project will have markers installed
- Working to make an annual festival

#### **Next Meeting**

- Early April
- Schedule request will come with meeting notes and feedback request for report