

Notes from Sustainability Committee meeting September 5, 2008

Recorder: Jen Schneider

Attendance: Dave Munoz, Gary Bowersock, Jen Schneider, Becca Flinthoft, Chuck Baroch, Jason Fish, John Skok, Tim Sweitzer, John Spear, Tom MacKinnon, Carrie Sonneborn

Action Items:

- Obtain administrative support for committee (Gary Bowersock)
- Review and conduct Ecopass survey (Ecopass subcommittee)
- Develop repository for CSAP audit information (Campus audit subcommittee)
- Gather information about Sustainability Coordinators at Colorado universities (Jen Schneider)

Meeting Minutes

- I. **Minutes:** Minutes from the Sustainability Committee Summer Retreat were approved.
- II. **Announcements:**
 - a. The chair noted that we still need to secure administrative support for the committee. Gary Bowersock agreed to find a volunteer.
 - b. The city of Golden has hired a sustainability coordinator, and will be presenting fifteen sustainability initiatives to the City Council at the end of September. The Jefferson Economic Council is also looking at ways to bring more businesses in that are geared toward sustainability.
 - c. Aramark has gone “trayless” in the cafeteria; it’s anticipated this will lead to decreased food waste.
 - d. The Faculty Senate has adopted a “Greening of Mines” statement, and has voted to endorse the “A Smarter Colorado” initiatives.
 - e. 12 new commingled bins have been distributed around campus, mostly at student housing..
 - f. A committee has been formed to oversee the building of a new parking garage on campus. The project is being fast-tracked.
 - g. A sustainability across the curriculum workshop is being held in January at Emory University.
 - h. Mines is completing a traffic and transit study in conjunction with the city of Golden.
 - i. Next sustainability committee meeting is Friday, October 3, 11-1:50, Student Ballroom C.
- III. **Working Group Reports**
 - a. **Poster session:** Delayed—Bob Siegrist is coordinator

- b. **Water/recycle signage:** John Skok and Jon Meuser met over the summer to discuss; John will get with Jason Fish and Jen Schneider to discuss implementing the project.
- c. **Sustainability map:** Jen's class is beginning work on the project now.
- d. **Ecopass:** We have access to a survey that can be distributed to the campus to gauge interest. Jen will review the survey with the Ecopass committee and then the Sust. Comm. will decide how to proceed.
- e. **Campus audit:** Carrie Sonneborn, working with Dave Munoz and Gary Bowersock created an Excel spreadsheet breaking down CSAP auditing into discrete projects. Approximately 30 projects were developed that can be assigned in classes. Need repository for reports so they can be updated.
- f. **Sustainability coordinator:** Need to form subcommittee to lead this effort (writing the rationale for such a hire). In the meanwhile, Jen will gather information about Sustainability Coordinator positions at Colorado universities.
- g. **Bike program:** Jason Fish asked for Sustainability Committee support as efforts to support the bike program go forward. A number of EPICS reports have been completed or are in process, so Jason will have more information for us as that information comes in.