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October 25, 2014

TO: Nadia Carmosini, Chair
Joint Committee for Environmental Sustainability

FROM: Joe Gow, Chancellor 

SUBJECT: Committee Charge for 2014-2015 Academic Year

Thank you for sharing with me the work thus far of the Joint Committee for Environmental Sustainability. Please convey my gratitude to the committee members for their willingness to serve.

The committee has identified the following objectives for the coming year:

2011-15 Charges and Subcommittees:

1. **STARS and Academic Sustainability Coordinator:** In summer 2014, UW-L joined the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS) program. Kelly Nowicki (Dept. of Management) has a one-year, 25% FTE reassignment to coordinate and complete entry of campus data into STARS for this year. There is currently no plan in place that specifies how UW-L will continue to participate in STARS beyond this year. As with other academic certifications, STARS ratings expire after a period of time (3 years); thus, UW-L must make plans for an ongoing cycle of assessment and improvement. Unlike most UW System campuses which have a 100% FTE sustainability coordinator who oversees STARS and other aspects of academic sustainability programming, UW-L has no person in this role. This committee will be working with Provost Macpherson to develop an academic sustainability coordinator position to provide coordination, leadership and a consistent point of contact for campus sustainability activities.
2. **Purchasing Policy:** Campus purchasing (e.g., electronics, cleaning products, office paper, life cycle cost analysis, etc.) is one of the many areas examined by STARS. This committee will evaluate UW-L's current purchasing patterns from both a bottom-up (i.e., individual departments) and top-down approach (i.e., UW System).
3. **Transportation:** Transportation is another major area examined by STARS. We are fortunate to currently have Mr. Victor Hill, Campus Parking and Transportation Services Manager, on JCES. As such, this subcommittee will collect data on the campus car share program, the use of alternative forms of transportation (i.e., biking, bus), electric vehicle use, and other transportation-related issues.
4. **Building Design and Construction:** As the New Cowley Science building is currently being designed, this is an opportune time for JCES to provide input into building design and construction. This committee will be reviewing the WI Department of Administration master specifications and design guidelines and will provide input during sustainability charrettes with River Architects.

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These are all very worthwhile goals, and I know you will very actively and successfully pursue them. If you ever need any input from me please don't hesitate to invite me to a future meeting.

As chair of the committee, your primary responsibilities include:

- promptly informing the Chancellor's Office of the results of the election of officers and any changes in membership
- organizing and conducting meetings
- completing a year-end report on the committee's activities to be submitted to the Chancellor's Office no later than May 24, 2015

Bylaws

Joint Committee on Environmental Sustainability (JCES)

Activities and actions of this committee shall be guided by ideas expressed in the Sustainability Mission and Vision Statement included at the end of these Bylaws.

A. Specific duties and responsibilities of the committee shall include:

1. Recommending actions that promote environmental sustainability including, but not limited to:
 - Implementing the Talloires Declaration
 - Creating an institutional culture of sustainability
 - Educating for environmentally responsible citizenship
 - Fostering environmental literacy
 - Collaborating with stakeholders and promoting interdisciplinary approaches
 - Enhancing capacity of primary and secondary schools
 - Broadening service locally, regionally, nationally and internationally
2. Promoting discussion regarding environmental sustainability among students and staff.
3. Evaluating proposals funded by the Environmental Sustainability Reserve ("Green Fund").

Prior to reviewing proposals, JCES will invite the UW-L staff member who oversees the Green Fund account to briefly review the financial status of this account with the committee. For each proposal, JCES will use a two-step review process: The committee will first determine if the proposal meets the criteria for Green Fund proposals as established by the UW-L Student Association. Proposals meeting these criteria will then be classified as highly recommended, recommended, or not recommended. All decisions made by JCES will be forwarded by the Green Fund coordinator to the Segregated University Fee Allocation Committee (SUFAC) for further review.

In addition to reviewing Green Fund proposals, JCES will also consider "mini-grant proposals" submitted to the Green Fund. JCES has sole responsibility to approve or not approve mini-grant proposals, i.e., they are not submitted to SUFAC or elsewhere for additional consideration.

4. Recommending actions concerning environmental sustainability to the Chancellor and university community.

B. Committee membership

Members of the committee shall include:

- Six students
 - Two members selected by the Students for Sustainability
 - Student Association Environmental Sustainability Director
 - One member selected by the Student Association
 - One member selected by the Residence Hall Advisory Council
 - Green Fund Coordinator

Should one or more student vacancies develop, JCES may solicit new student members as needed.
- Five faculty or instructional academic staff
- Three non-instructional academic staff (selected by the Academic Staff Council)
- Two classified staff (selected by the Classified Staff Council)
- STARS Assessment Coordinator
- Environmental Studies Program faculty or academic staff representative
- University Centers representative

(This position may be filled by a staff member or student at the discretion of the Director of University Centers.)

- Manager of UW-La Crosse's Environmental Health, Occupational Safety and Sustainability Program

Other faculty, staff or students with significant sustainability responsibilities (for example, an academic sustainability coordinator, or a representative from the Office of Residence Life) may be formally invited to join the committee.

Faculty and staff shall serve three year terms. To promote committee continuity, it is recommended that faculty and staff appointments be staggered and that interested students be reappointed so that they may serve more than one year.

A simple majority of committee members must be in attendance to constitute a quorum. With the committee consisting of 20 members, the quorum would require 11 members in attendance. Proxy votes provided by members who cannot be in attendance will be shared with the committee by the committee chair as advisory information.

C. Meeting time

Given the large number of committee members, JCES will meet every second Friday at 11:00 am. An established meeting time will enable students, staff, and faculty to adjust their schedules in advance of applying for committee membership. Other special meeting times may be established, for example, to review Green Fund proposals.

D. Changes made in JCES bylaws will go into effect at the beginning of the next academic year.

E. The committee shall report directly to the Chancellor.

UW-La Crosse Sustainability Mission Statement

Prepared and approved by the UW-La Crosse Joint Committee on Environmental Sustainability December 6, 2013. Also approved by the UW-L Student Association (December 11, 2013), Academic Staff Council (December 10, 2013), and Faculty Senate (February 13, 2014).

Mission

The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse will provide students, faculty, staff and the community with the knowledge and skills to be environmentally responsible and involved citizens who understand and consider the global effects of their actions and the actions of others. The University will strive to use and implement sustainable best practices while minimizing its carbon footprint.

Vision

The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse is a campus where:

- Education and research prepare students, faculty, staff and surrounding communities to engage in dialogue and positive action around sustainability.
- University leadership is committed to sustainability and will direct adequate resources toward the development of sustainability expertise and best practices on campus.
- Minimizing adverse social, economic, and environmental impacts of University operations is a priority.
- The understanding and concern for sustainability issues provide the foundation for dynamic campus collaboration and community for students, faculty and staff.

Bylaws update approved May 8, 2015 by JCES. Chair: Nadia Carmosini

June 8, 2015

To: Joe Gow, Chancellor

From: Nadia Carmosini, Chair, Joint Committee on Environmental Sustainability (JCES)
Dept. of Chemistry & Biochemistry

Dear Chancellor Gow:

As chair of the JCES, it is my pleasure to share with you, on behalf of the committee, the work we accomplished this past academic year. Our group of dedicated faculty, staff, and students met every other week with consistently good attendance from our diverse membership. This report briefly describes our accomplishments.

1. **Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS):** JCES members contributed greatly in the development and successful completion of UW-L's first submission to STARS. At the outset, our hope was to attain a Bronze rating. As you already know, in true UW-L style, we exceeded our expectations and were recently ranked at the Silver level.

(<https://stars.aashe.org/institutions/university-of-wisconsin-la-crosse-wi/report/2015-05-20/>)

JCES member Kelly Nowicki (Management) was supported with a 0.25 FTE appointment to serve as the STARS Coordinator. She and Rob Tyser (Biology) provided strong leadership for this campus-wide endeavor. Dan Sweetman (Environmental Health, Occupational Safety and Sustainability Program Manager) was instrumental in compiling a large amount of information that STARS required on campus physical facilities. Maggie McDermott (Marketing) and I developed and deployed a survey directed towards faculty and academic staff to compile information on sustainability-related teaching, research, and service activities. Victor Hill (Parking & Transportation Services Manager) contributed information on the university's car share program and fleet vehicles. JCES student members also played an important role in assessing student involvement in sustainability activities. The importance of the work by Brittany Maule (Students for Sustainability) who organized the first ever "Sustainability Now" newsletter is particularly commendable as these student activities are highly valued by STARS.

(http://issuu.com/studentsforsustainability/docs/sustainability_now_issueu).

The fee required for participation in the STARS program was funded by the Provost's Office. We hope that you will continue to regard STARS as an important endeavor and support future funding for the program. At this time, funding for the STARS coordinator position is in question.

2. **Bylaw Revisions** – In 2014-15, JCES recognized the importance of two more campus positions with significant sustainability-related interests and responsibilities that warranted membership on the committee. To this end, we modified our bylaws in section B. Committee Membership to include the following representatives to the committee:

1. Green Fund Coordinator (student)
2. Environmental Studies Program Representative (faculty/instructional academic staff)

Ian Wright has been the Green Fund coordinator for the past three years and has been a regular attendee of JCES meetings. The Environmental Studies Program has also provided consistent representation by a faculty or instructional academic staff member for the past several years. These bylaw changes will allow the individuals serving in these positions the opportunity to vote as active members of the committee.

In addition, the University Centers Sustainability Coordinator, which was designated a student position was changed to the University Centers Representative which could be filled by either a student or staff member at the discretion of the Director of University Centers. This was done because University Centers can't guarantee the availability of a student representative every year. When a student is not available, University Centers will provide a staff representative.

Finally, we clarified wording in the bylaws related to the number of committee members that are required for a quorum (also in B. Committee Membership). A simple majority of committee members must be in attendance to constitute a quorum. With the committee consisting of 20 members, the quorum would require 11 members in attendance. If you find these bylaw revisions acceptable, they will be implemented beginning September 2015.

3. **Green Fund** – We evaluated 6 Green Fund proposals over two rounds of funding in the fall and spring semesters. We also evaluated 5 mini-Green Fund proposals throughout the year as they were submitted.
4. **Sustainability Coordinator** – We remain strongly committed to establishing a permanent Sustainability Coordinator position at UW-L. JCES met with Greg Reichert (Assistant Chancellor for University Advancement) to consider creative ways to work towards funding this position. Although our first STARS submission was highly successful, this was only made possible through numerous hours volunteered by Biology professor Rob Tyser (now emeritus). The dedicated leadership of a Sustainability Coordinator is needed to optimize campus sustainability efforts if we hope to maintain and exceed our current silver STARS rating. At present, we continue to lag behind 11 other UW System comprehensives and regional colleges who have 50 – 150% FTE Sustainability Coordinators. We understand that the current state funding climate will make it challenging to fund this position, but we ask that you consider and support movement towards achieving this position in the future.
5. **Sustainable Purchasing and Transportation** – Beyond the projects described above, JCES formed subcommittees to begin evaluating sustainable purchasing and transportation policies for our campus.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve with such a dedicated and engaged group of faculty, staff and students for the past three years. It has been my sincere pleasure.

- Nadia Carmosini

JCES Meeting Minutes

5/8/2015, 11:00 am, Carl Wimberly Hall 114

Attendance:

Students for Sustainability: Brittany Maule, Sara Torgerson

Student Association Environmental Sustainability Director: Rebecca Conn

Student Association: Julie Merkes

Faculty/IAS: Nadia Carmosini, Sandy Koster, Maggie McDermott

Academic Staff Council: Dennis Rodenberg, Victor Hill, Larry Sleznikow,

Classified Staff Council: John Pieper, Isaiah Burish

STARS Coordinator: Kelly Nowicki

Environmental Health, Occupational Safety and Sustainability Program Manager: Dan Sweetman

Absent:

Residence Hall Advisory Council: Jacob Schimmel

Faculty/IAS: Barrett Klein (teaching), Tammy Fisher

Guests: Rob Tyser

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

Agenda

1. By-laws

- The following additions were made to the voting membership of JCES:
 - University Centers' representative which can be student or staff
 - representative from the Environmental Studies Program
 - Green Fund coordinator
- We also improved/clarified wording under A. 1. bullets.
- A discussion followed on what is a quorum in order to clarify the bylaws for voting purposes. Clarifications were made in section B
- M/S/P: Kelly, Dan, 14/0/0

2. Mini-Green Fund Applications

- Solar for Students by A.J. Heil of the UW-L Outdoor Connection
 - Requested that the information be provided on use of the additional units provided.
 - Add a sticker on each unit that shows that it is funded from the green fund
 - Would like to see student pictures in use
 - M/S/P Maggie, second by Kelly: 14/0/0
- Water bottles by A.J. Heil of the UW-L Outdoor Connection
 - There were concerns about sanitation of water bottles washing and reuse, as well as questions regarding what level of demand there would be for reusable water bottles.
 - The committee's impression is that most students receive a free one as a first year student
 - Perhaps document the need in terms of how many people would use this
 - M/S/P Maggie, Dan second 1-13-0

Meeting Adjourned, 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Maggie McDermott

JCES Meeting Minutes
4/17/2015, 11:00 am, Carl Wimberly Hall 114

Attendance:

Students for Sustainability: Sara Torgerson
Residence Hall Advisory Council: Jacob Schimmel
Faculty/IAS: Nadia Carmosini, Sandy Koster
Academic Staff Council: Victor Hill
Classified Staff Council: John Pieper
STARS Coordinator: Kelly Nowicki

Absent:

Students for Sustainability: Brittany Maule
Student Association Environmental Sustainability Director: Rebecca Conn
Student Association: Julie Merkes
Faculty/IAS: Barrett Klein (teaching), Tammy Fisher, Maggie McDermott
Academic Staff Council: Larry Sleznikow, Dennis Rodenberg
Classified Staff Council: Isaiah Burish
Environmental Health, Occupational Safety and Sustainability Program Manager: Dan Sweetman

Guests: Ian Wright, Shannon Amberg, Rob Tyser, Greg Reichert

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m.

Agenda

1. Discussion on Academic Coordinator Position

- Discussion on funding sources for sustainability coordinator position followed. Rob Tyser had the floor to review current funding and models for other UW sustainability coordinator positions.
- A suggested motion was put forward to fund a sustainability coordinator position...the committee edited the suggested motion to read:

"Most other universities, including those in the UW System, support a full time Sustainability Coordinator. In 2014-2015, the Provost's Office funded a temporary .25 FTE sustainability assessment coordinator to over-see the STARS assessment program. This money will no longer be available this year.

JCES supports using Green Funds to partially fund a faculty or academic staff position to coordinate and assess sustainability activities on campus. We recommend allocating up to \$20,000 per year for no more than two years. Our recommendation comes with two strong suggestions: (1) that UWL Administration match Green Fund support with equal or greater funding obtained from other sources, and (2) that after this 2 year period, UWL Administration continue funding this position, but without Green Fund support."

Victor Hill moved and Kelly Nowicki seconded the motion.

STRAW POLL:

7 for

0 against

0 abstentions

Meeting adjourned: 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Kelly Nowicki

JCES Meeting Minutes
4/3/2015, 11:00 am, Carl Wimberly Hall 114

Meeting called to order at 11:00 a.m.

Attendance:

Students for Sustainability: Sara Torgerson
Student Association Environmental Sustainability Director: Rebecca Conn
Residence Hall Advisory Council: Jacob Schimmel
Faculty/IAS: Nadia Carmosini, Tammy Fisher, Sandy Koster, Maggie McDermott
Academic Staff Council: Dennis Rodenberg
Classified Staff Council: John Pieper

Absent:

Students for Sustainability: Brittany Maule
Student Association: Julie Merkes
Faculty/IAS: Barrett Klein (teaching)
Academic Staff Council: Victor Hill, Larry Slezniow
Classified Staff Council: Isaiah Burish
STARS Coordinator: Kelly Nowicki
Environmental Health, Occupational Safety and Sustainability Program Manager: Dan Sweetman

Guests: Ian Wright, Shannon Amberg, Rob Tyser, James Longhurst

Agenda

1. Update from James Longhurst on April 11th's Mayor's Neighborhood Conference
2. Green Fund Applications
 - Recycling Containers for the Recreational Eagle Center by Sue White
 - Committee liked that the grant offered to provide a financial match.
 - Victor and Dan who could not be in attendance indicated by e-mail that they were in support of this grant application
 - M/S/P 8-0-0
 - Low Flow Showerheads by Doug Kuenn of Residence Life
 - Committee wondered if there be a way to track and perhaps have a challenge between the residence halls on how much electricity is being used. Would Dan have any numbers from the pilot program?
 - M/S/P 9-0-0
 - Green Bike Mechanics by Nathan Barnhard for Recreational Sports
 - M/S/P 9-0-0
 - Green Energy Chargeback by Larry Ringgenberg, University Centers
 - Request was for funds to off-set non-sustainability related purchases and thus the by-laws would need to be re-looked at
 - The committee questioned the value this adds to the campus - clearly green energy does but the purchase of green energy is a state mandate and this is to backfill the expenses
 - There may be other creative ways to use Green Fund money for creating green energy on campus?
 - M/S/P 0-7-2

Meeting Adjourned 12:00 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted: Maggie McDermott

- If anyone has partnership ideas - please let Larry Ringgenberg know
- In the past there were barriers with selling the compost at Ace-Hardware and the Co-op. Talk of selling it at the farmers marketing and/or use here on campus was discussed.
- Larry requested 2-3 people to work on the project and he has the info on what it needs, etc.

3. Green Fund Budget Update

- Green Fund - rough ideas
- New Student Center LED lighting project is for \$46,000 for 4 years in the budget
- If we allocated to the green energy and funded both the \$17,000 proposals coming it would likely leave us with \$49,000 each semester next year.

4. Mini-Green Fund Applications

- Squeaky Clean Credit by Thomas Heiar & Jennifer Weber of It Make\$ Cents!
 - This is an updated application that was rejected at an earlier date.
 - They have added the idea that participating students receive a coupon which will allow them to receive a refill of laundry soap with their bottle.
 - It Make\$ Cents! is interested in further collaboration
 - There was discussion on the timing of the event - Timing in the fall might be a helpful idea- students are new here, they have yet to develop their new day-to-day habits as these are not established.
 - Discussion on how to make this a more sustainable idea
 - Follow up with RA's and have them coordinate taking a group down to Full Circle Supply. Perhaps there could be a scavenger hunt- involving other downtown business
 - Create a way to give away the bottles students that belong to students who aren't returning to the residence hall in the following academic year.
 - Track the voucher back to who the students are
 - Is there a way there could be a dispenser installed in the laundry? Work with Full Circle Supply or they could do a delivery
 - Could also be something the front desk had a bottle from full circle and people
 - Include info on how you can get to Full Circle Supply by bus
 - One concern is how much sustainability related content will be presented
 - Could the cost effective portion come back in the language of this proposal (it was in the first one and not in this one)?
- One idea would be to fund this and have them report back as to how often they would do this etc.
- M/S/P 9-1-1

Meeting Adjourned at 12:00

Respectfully Submitted,

Maggie McDermott

Joint Committee for Environmental Sustainability
3/26/2015, 11:00 am, Carl Wimberly Hall 114

Meeting called to order at 11:00 a.m.

Attendance:

Students for Sustainability: Brittany Maule, Sarah Torgerson

Student Association: Julie Merkes

Residence Hall Advisory Council: Jake Schimmel

Faculty/IAS: Nadia Carmosini, Tammy Fisher, Sandy Koster, Maggie McDermott

Academic Staff Council: Victor Hill

STARS Coordinator: Kelly Nowicki

Environmental Health, Occupational Safety, Sustainability Program Manager: Dan Sweetman

Absent:

Student Association Environmental Sustainability Director: Rebecca Conn

Faculty/IAS: Barrett Klein (teaching)

Academic Staff Council: Dennis Rodenberg, Larry Slezniak

Classified Staff Council: John Pieper, Isiah Burish

Guests: Larry Ringgenberg, Jennifer Weber, Shannon Amberg, Rob Tyser, Ian Wright

Agenda

1. Larry Ringgenberg wanted to share with us an idea he has related to the green energy surcharge.
 - This is a part of everyone's budget- we can't say we don't want to do it- it's mandated by UW-System. They put it on all our utilities- and that total is about \$34-35,000 for the University.
 - The proposal requests that the Green Fund cover this cost for a few years. The Green Fund has a high balance and it's not totally being used. This could be a 2-year project and then it be re-evaluated. This idea would help out some of the units that are being hit by some larger chargebacks.
 - The Green Fund bylaws state that it should not be used to cover normal budgeted items
 - This is clearly something that has been budgeted for the last years
 - The entire university pays the green energy surcharge - the total amount for the auxiliary and usually it's about 50/50 so the University has probably about that much. We don't know the fee until the end of June. We only get about 5% and there was a mandate that it goes to 20%--- we aren't sure when or if that would come into play.
 - Larry has talked to SUFAC and they were okay with it but he wanted to involve the JCES in the discussion as Green Funds funnel through JCES.
 - Currently the energy changes have been covered - the request would backfill some of the other expenses.
 - From a budget standpoint- If these chargebacks took out \$32,000 out for the year, there should still be about \$100,000. With the removal of funds for other projects that are currently approved, there would still be \$60-70,000 left for new projects.
 - This did come up in the Fall 2012 - a request of \$46,000 was made to help with surcharge and when the application went through the committee both JCES and SUFAC didn't feel like it was the most appropriate use of the money.
 - The current request would be \$35,000 per year for 2 years
 - The suggestion was to be put together in a Green Fund application for official consideration.
2. Update on Vermicomposting
 - The Vermicomposting project is still in limbo. Larry noted that they had once again looked at putting it in the Central States Warehouse. That could cost about \$1000 a month and that doesn't seem sustainable. There are some additional needs, water, heat that do not seem to be met at this location.
 - Harters was noted as a possible option for the remainder of this year

Joint Committee for Environmental Sustainability
2/26/15, 11:00 am, Carl Wimberly Hall 114

Meeting called to order to 11:00 a.m.

Attendance:

Students for Sustainability: Brittany Maule, Sarah Torgerson
Students Association Environmental Sustainability Director: Rebecca Conn
Student Association: Julie Merkes
Faculty/IAS: Nadia Carmosini, Tammy Fisher, Sandy Koster, Maggie McDermott
Academic Staff Council: Victor Hill, Dennis Rodenberg
Classified Staff Council: John Pieper, Isaiah Burish
STARS Coordinator: Kelly Nowicki

Absent

University Centers Sustainability Coordinator: Libby Thorson
Faculty: Barret Klein (teaching)
Academic Staff Council: Larry Sleznikow
Environmental Health, Occupational Safety, Sustainability Program Manager: Dan Sweetman

Guests: Rob Tyser, Shannon Amberg

M/S/P - Meeting minutes from 2/12/15

Agenda

1. Bylaws

- When bylaw revisions were made the previous year, Alysa Remsburg was serving as the Environmental Studies Department representative and was also one of the five faculty members as well. This year Alysa is not on an official faculty JCES member, and thus there is no official Environmental Studies representative on JCES
- A motion was made to add a designated representative from the Environmental Studies Program by Maggie McDermott, and seconded by Kelly Nowicki
- A motion was made to add the Green Fund Coordinator to the student membership roster
- There was discussion regarding a formal membership position for a University Centers representative. This student or staff position needs to be explored with Larry Ringgenberg. Last year this roll was filled by Libby Thorson but his year there has been no representation.

2. Single Stream Recycling

- UW-L is moving into single stream recycling which should simplify things
- They are looking at providing some standardization on campus. Academic buildings all have the same style or recycling containers. We currently have the paper, trash, cans & bottles. These containers are going to stay and they are working on labeling. The Cartwright building will have two options trash and recycling.
- Whitney will have a compost bin. There are some issues with the vermicomposter as it isn't set up. Larry Ringgenberg is still interested in utilizing the vermicomposter but it needs a home.
- There has been some marketing material in Campus Connection, Residence Life, the Racquet and campus bulletin boards noting the change to single stream recycling boards. Additional information is on the webpage.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Maggie McDermott

3. Other Announcements

Car Share update by Victor Hill

- Deal going on right now - \$1.00 to join and rates as low as \$5.00
- There is a link on the parking website
- Membership goals - 60/75 members per car and right now we are at ~40
- 2 year agreement with the Green Fund and then they will re-evaluate if we need 2 cars etc.
- No breakdown on the types of people using it - staff vs faculty
- Still have an intern that is here
- Will provide info during first year student registration via the parking booth

Students for Sustainability Update

- There is a new column in the Racquet and SFS is writing for now, if anyone has anything to include or ideas please be in touch with SFS.

Colin Belby is involved in the Marsh Day and Nadia will be sending some additional information for those who might be interested or have students who might be willing to participate.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Maggie McDermott

Joint Committee for Environmental Sustainability
2/12/2015, 11:00 am, Carl Wimberly Hall 114

Meeting called to order at 11:00

Attendance

Students for Sustainability: Brittany Maule, Sarah Torgerson
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Environmental Health, Occupational Safety, Sustainability Program Manager: Dan Sweetman

Guests: Rob Tyser, Shannon Amberg, Ian Wright

Approval of minutes from 1/30/15; Motion by Nadia Carmosini, 2nd by Jake Schimmel, Passed 14-0-0

Agenda

1. Review of Official Roster

- We may want to relook at the official roster
 - We should include a member from the Environmental Studies Program
 - Libby Thorson is no longer with University Centers, we need to consider filling
 - The Green Fund coordinator is not officially listed as a member

2. Green Fund

- Ian Wright (Green Fund Coordinator) gave an overview of the mini-grants. There is no due date for mini-grants and the purpose is for sustainability related projects less than \$2,000. The mini-grant is only reviewed by JCES.
- Consideration parameters: Does it meet the Green Fund criteria? What is its priority level? Should it be funded?
- In terms of an update on funds: each semester \$10,000 is set aside for mini-grants. Last semester we used \$5,000 so we have \$15,000 left for this year.

Applications

- Earth Week Movie Festival by Students for Sustainability
 - Victor Hill moved to approve, Kelly Nowicki second, 13-1-0
- Squeaky Clean Credit by It Make\$ Cents!
 - Design the program to be more sustainable
 - Voucher for those who attend to get a refill
 - Bring the soap and give it away and then have the voucher
 - Can we track the students who go
 - Glass vs plastic bottles
 - Maggie's Sustainable Marketing group could work with them
 - Maggie called vote, 2- 0-12

Joint Committee for Environmental Sustainability
1/30/15, 11:00 am, Carl Wimberly Hall 114

Meeting called to order at 11:00 a.m.

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Absent:

University Centers Sustainability Coordinator: Libby Thorson
Residence Hall Advisory Council: Nicholas Kuznicki
Faculty: Barret Klein (teaching)
Academic Staff Council: Larry Sleznikow
Classified Staff Council: John Pieper

Guests: James Longhurst, Rob Tyser, Ian Wright, Buzz Bocher, Shannon Amberg, Alysa Remsburg

Approval of Meeting Minutes from 12/5/14

Motion from Maggie McDermott, second from Nadia Carmosini

Motion passed 13-0-0

Agenda

1. Update on bike projects from James Longhurst
 - o There is a bike swap on Sat. Feb 28th at Logan Middle School
 - o Update on the North South Corridor

2. STARS update
 - We need to identify a STARS' Coordinator moving forward. Kelly Nowicki has served in this role for the past several semesters. Currently some of the funding comes from the CBA and the rest from the Provost. In terms of a replacement, there may be folks who are interested but we aren't familiar with. Perhaps the best option is to first solidify the funding, and then have the provost solicit volunteers and/or nominations via email from the University.

Meeting adjourned- 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maggie McDermott

4. Discussions

- Consultants and Architects met with faculty regarding new Cowley Hall lab building redesign
- Lead silver is the minimum
- Conversation was where are the points coming from and could we get gold
 - To get to gold we have to start chasing point and some of those may not make sense for the use of the space and costs
- Some ideas that come up
 - Pepsi money has funded Centennial if there are things that we want but aren't economically feasible; Pepsi money may be available again
 - to do the rain garden there were requirements from the city regarding the well head/spacing off of Badger Street
 - who pays for a pedestrian mall project- no money in the Activity Center project, no money in the Cowley project
- We want to keep on the radar that we have concerns and want sustainability to be part of the process.
- Nadia will follow up with Doug with a thank you and see what next steps are.
- Maggie McDermott gave an update on the STARS meeting with Provost Macpherson. The Provost is sincerely in support of our efforts and is trying to determine how to fund the Academic Sustainability Coordinator position (which will include STARS).

Meeting adjourned - 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maggie McDermott

**Joint Committee for
11/14/2014, 11:00 am, Carl Wimberly Hall 114**

Meeting called to order at 11:00 am.

Attendance:

Students for Sustainability: Sara Torgerson
Student Association Environmental Sustainability Director: Rebecca Conn
Faculty/IAS: Sandy Koster, Nadia Carmosini, Maggie McDermott, Tammy Fisher
Academic Staff Council: Larry Sleznikow, Dennis Rodenberg
Classified Staff Council: John Pieper
STARS coordinator: Kelly Nowicki

Absent:

Students for Sustainability: Brittany Maule
Academic Staff Council: Victor Hill
University Center Sustainability Coordinator: Elizabeth Thorson
Residence Hall Advisory Council: Jacob Shimmel, Nicholas Kuznicki
Faculty: Barret Klein
Environmental Health, Occupational Safety, Sustainability Program Manager: Dan Sweetman

Guests: Rob Tyser, Ian Wright, Skyler Schoh, Marina Dvorak

Agenda

1. Approval of minutes: Motion to approve by Sandy Koster, second by Kelly Nowicki, motion passed 10-0-0
2. Green Fund Overview
 - o We have \$70,000 for the year to allocate to Green Fund projects
 - o We could allocate money for the spring that would not be spent until the following fall (ie spring request but funded in the following fall)
3. Green Fund Applications
 - 38 Recycle Bins for Student Buildings by Dan Sweetman
 - o Questions/Discussion: Rationale for only 2 residence halls,
 - o Company has a UW System contract for bins - need to look at design,
 - o Maggie McDermott moves it meets criteria - Kelly Nowicki second vote - Motion passed 10-0-0
 - On the Go Bike Fix-It Stations by UW-L Recreation Council
 - o Includes tools you need to fix up your bike, who has access to it?
 - anyone on campus and in the community
 - o What if tools would be stolen?
 - After purchase Res life could possibly take on the tasks
 - o Location – snowplowing
 - Is working with Physical Facilities for placement and will consider lighting
 - o Maggie move it meets the criteria, Kelly second- MSP 10-0-0

4. Schedule

- 11/14/2014 Green Fund reviews
- 11/21/2014 meeting is cancelled (Thanksgiving)
- 12/5/2015 next regular meeting

5. Announcements

- Cooking Demo 11/12 6-8
 - 19 students signed up
 - will send link with flyer
- Vacant seats
 - Student Association has an open spot but Residence Hall has 2 interested reps- perhaps they could switch
 - Classified Staff - maybe Isaiah could be official member

Meeting adjourned - 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maggie McDermott

**Joint Committee for
11/6/2014, 11:00 am, Carl Wimberly Hall 114**

Meeting called to order at 11:00 am.

Attendance:

Students for Sustainability: Brittany Maule, Sara Torgerson
Faculty/IAS: Barret Klein, Sandy Koster, Nadia Carmosini, Maggie McDermott
Academic Staff Council: Victor Hill, Larry Sleznikow, Dennis Rodenberg
Classified Staff Council: John Pieper

Absent:

Student Association Environmental Sustainability Director: Rebecca Conn,
University Centers Sustainability Coordinator: Elizabeth Thorson
Residence Hall Advisory Council: Jacob Shimmel, Nicholas Kuznicki
Faculty: Tammy Fisher
STARS coordinator: Kelly Nowicki
Environmental Health, Occupational Safety, Sustainability Program Manager: Dan Sweetman

Guests: Rob Tyser, Ian Wright

Agenda

1. Approval of minutes-- Maggie McDermott made a motion to approve, second by Nadia Carmosini, motion passed 10-0-0
2. Review of Green Fund process and procedures
 - Application due 11/9/14; Ian will send them in a Google folder with info on how to approach the applications.
 - JCES role is ensuring the application meets the criteria
 - Ian will include a balance of the Green Fund so we know how much money we have to allocate
 - The vote is to recommend the application and we think it should move forward to SUFAC
 - If we have feedback that goes back to the applicant and SUFAC
3. Sub-Committee Reports
 - STARS
 - Subgroup met last Wednesday and talked about putting together a Qualtrics survey to determine who is teaching sustainability related content, what they are doing, community partnerships, student research projects, living laboratory etc. We would then post this in the appropriate stars categories. Maggie and Nadia are taking this part on along with a student who is going to do an internship. Timeline would be early spring semester to launch the survey.
 - SFS have a subgroup that is willing to help with STARS- thinking about a newsletter
 - It might be helpful to have this subgroup get faculty from the Environmental Studies Program and the STARS subgroup. Maggie will try to organize.
 - Stars meeting with the provost on Monday 11/10/14
 - Transportation Sub-Group
 - Campus Fleet - getting numbers
 - Commute Modal Split
 - Sustainability Transportation Support
 - Purchasing Sub-group
 - Just getting started

3. Purchasing Policy- Victor, Barrett, Sandy, Brittney

- look at courses that are heavy in materials
- think about materials used (hand soap)
- paperless documents

Dan noted that this subcommittee would want to contact- Marc Reeves- Vice chancellor business services.

4. Transportation/ Facilities Planning- Victor, Dennis R, John

- charging stations
- greenspace on campus

Based on the discussion, Nadia will draft a memo and send to Chancellor Gow and assign a convener for each subgroup. Each subgroup should schedule a meeting and report back at the next JCES meeting on October 10, 2014.

Meeting adjourned: 11:55 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Maggie McDermott

Joint Committee for Environmental Sustainability
9/26/14, 11:00 am, Carl Wimberly Hall 114

Meeting called to order at 11:00 am

Attendance:

Students for Sustainability: Brittany Maule, Sara Torgerson

Faculty/IAS: Barret Klein, Sandy Koster, Nadia Carmosini, Maggie McDermott

Academic Staff Council: Victor Hill, Larry Sleznikow, Dennis Rodenberg

Classified Staff Council: John Pieper

Environmental Health, Occupational Safety, Sustainability Program Manager: Dan Sweetman

Absent:

Student Director: Rebecca Conn

University Center Sustainability Coordinator: Elizabeth Thorson

Faculty: Tammy Fisher

Classified Staff Council: Janet Abnet

STASR coordinator: Kelly Nowicki

Guests: Rob Tyser, Isaiah Burish, Elaine Anderson, Ian Wright

Agenda

1. Introductions
 - There continues to be some uncertainty regarding who is officially assigned to the committee and who is a guest. Nadia will continue to pursue full committee representation with the appropriate groups.
2. Approval of minutes: John Pieper made a motion, Victor Hill second, motion passed 11-0-0
3. Green Fund Overview - Ian Wright
4. Mini-Green Fund Application
 - Guest Speaker on Sustainable Food Production by Students for Sustainability
 - Questions regarding: Speaker fee, promotion of event on Oct. 8; could speaker visit classes; is sustainability week an ongoing thing in the fall if so perhaps seek possible outside; Will there be recording capability; advertising outside of campus- press release to the tribune, Peoples' Food Co-op, etc. public radio; For on-campus advertising, use the Campus Connection website
 - In the future, come sooner with request - there are 2 semesters to spend the funding;
 - Victor Hill made a motion, Dan Sweetman second; Motion passed 10-0-1
5. Charges
 - Based on previous years, it was determined that a subgroup structure would be the most effective way to move forward on the various initiatives
 - Subgroups, Members, and Potential Tasks
 1. Academic Sustainability Coordinator- Maggie, Larry, Nadia, Sarah, Rob,
 - Continued work from previous years
 2. STARS- Nadia, Sarah, Dan, Isaiah
 - carbon footprint- class/student
 - student projects are important
 - need to talk to Kelly re needs we can assist with

Joint Committee for Environmental Sustainability
9/12/14, 11:00 am, Carl Wimberly Hall 114

Meeting called to order at 11:00 am

Attendance:

Students for Sustainability: Brittany Maule, 2nd position currently vacant

Faculty/IAS: Maggie McDermott, Nadia Carmosini, Barrett Klein, Sandy Koster

Academic Staff Council: Victor Hill, Larry Sleznikow, 1 position vacant

Classified Staff Council: John Pieper, Janet Abnet

Environmental Health, Occupational Safety, Sustainability Program Manager: Dan Sweetman

Absent:

Student Association Environmental Sustainability Director: currently vacant

Student Association: vacant

Faculty/IAS: Tammy Fisher

STARS Coordinator: Kelly Nowicki

University Center Sustainability Coordinator: Elizabeth Thorson

Agenda

1. Review membership roster
 - Nadia will work on contacting the councils to find out who will fill vacant positions.
 - We may want to relook at bylaws to include Environmental Studies and Business Sustainability minor representation, as well as the Green Fund coordinator
2. Election of Officers
 - Larry Sleznikow moved that Nadia Carmosini serve as Chair; Motion Passed 13-0-0
 - Nadia made a motion that Maggie McDermott serve as secretary; Motion Passed 13-0-0
3. Review of previous year's charges and year-end report to the Chancellor inform new members of recent activities.
 - bylaws revision
 - Green Fund evaluations
 - missions statement development
 - campus garden establishment
 - Car Share program (2 cars in parking lots C2 and C7)
 - webpage
4. Possible charges for this year
 - Continued need to advocate for the need for the academic sustainability coordinator position
 - Identify needs and ways that we as a group can assist with STARS
 - Explore the idea of a new carbon assessment
 - Examine JCES role in physical building planning
 - Develop an environmentally friendly campus-wide purchasing policy
5. Discussion
 - Next year incorporate Car Share information into faculty orientation
 - Need for clear communication when car share cars are moved into ramp
 - James Longhurst presented his sabbatical work and there are opportunities for volunteer involvement. Information will be provided to Nadia and then distributed to members.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:05pm

Respectfully Submitted by Maggie McDermott