

JOLIET JUNIOR COLLEGE
Sustainability Initiative
(JJCSI)
September 2, 2009

A meeting of the Sustainability Committee (JJCSI) was held on Wednesday, September 2, 2009, at 3:40 p.m. Andy Neill called the meeting to order. The following people were in attendance: Dave Agazzi, Andy Neill, Rich Rivera, Betty Zarske, Jeff Julian, Paul Pulpulaan (student), Laurie Bierman, John Jawor, Ryan Smith, Andrea Lehmacher, Brian Campus, Maria Rafac, Pat Van Duyne, Linda Pollock, Tony Chobot, Laura Engner, Griselda Martinez and Annette Hulva.

I. *Review and Approval of summary*

The May 6, 2009 summary was reviewed and approved. Motion to approve was made by Laura Egner and seconded by Betty Zarske. All were in favor.

II. *Old Continued Business:*

A. *Green Team follow-up reports:*

Curriculum Committee;

John Koepke - provided an update of working on a grant with NIU to bring in an energy auditor on building energy systems. This program was started last year will continue to offer an applied technology certificate.

Maria Rafac – said they were approached by workforce development to create a class to appeal to the population for re-employment with Green Sustainability. They have just planned a course entitled ABC290 to be held on Friday nights. It will be a 3 credit course. There will be a different speaker every week related to sustainability.

Andy Neill passed a brochure on living roofs/green roofs by Nancy Ballatine. He also provided an update of the Sustainable University Symposium he attended along with Dave Agazzi and Pat Van Duyne on July 24th at Moraine Valley College.

III. *New Business*

✓ **Alternative meeting day and time.**

Discussion about changing the day and time occurred with a final decision for the monthly meetings to be held on the second Thursday of each month from 2:30p.m. to 3:30p.m.

✓ **Publications: paper reduction initiative - Ryan Smith**

By placing the college's catalog on-line, Dr. Ryan Smith stated the following energy saving measures could be accomplished:

- Ten tons of paper would be saved
- The 2009-2010 catalog was 182 pages and 20,000 catalogs were printed
- Thirty seven tons of wood use

- 29.00 BTU of net energy
- Reduction in greenhouse gases
- Reduction in wastewater

Additional measures gained would be:

- Cost savings to the college. It costs \$1.20 to print each catalog
- Departments can provide on-going updates to keep it current

Proposed online timeline would begin in spring of 2011.

✓ **President's Climate Compact commitment & update (David Agazzi)**

On February 17, 2009, Joliet Junior College signed the President's Climate Compact. Dave Agazzi presented the following mandated requirements with the compact:

- Measure greenhouse emissions
 - Create tangible actions
 - Come up with a climate action plan
 - Reporting Requirements
- Initiate the development of a comprehensive plan to achieve climate neutrality with the following timeline:
 - Within two months, create institutional structures to guide the development and implementation of the plan (Dave has completed).
 - Within one year, complete a comprehensive inventory of all greenhouse gas emissions.
 - Within two years, develop an institutional action plan for becoming climate neutral.
 - Initiate two or more of the following tangible actions to reduce greenhouse gases:
 - Establish a policy that all new campus construction be LEED Silver.
 - Adopt an energy efficient appliance purchase policy (Energy Star).
 - Establish a policy of offsetting all greenhouse gas emissions generated by air travel.
 - Encourage use of public transportation.
 - Within one year, purchase or produce 15% of electricity from renewable sources.
 - Establish a policy or committee that supports climate and sustainability shareholder proposals at companies where our institution's endowment is invested.
 - Participate in waste management through recycling and adopt three or more associated measures to reduce waste.

Discussion followed with the management of both the President's Climate committee and the Illinois Sustainable University Compact.

The mandates/requirements are very time consuming. Dave had requested the hiring of additional personnel for next year's budget, but it was rejected. Pat Van Dyne spoke of the time being spent on the master plan. It was questioned who on campus would even have the time. The committee discussed hiring a part time (32 hours) sustainability coordinator.

✓ **Sustainability Tracking Assessment & Rating System - Ryan Smith**

Ryan Smith presented the STARS system which is a voluntary self reporting framework for gauging relative progress toward sustainability for colleges and universities. The purpose of STARS is:

- To provide a guide for advancing sustainability.
- To enable meaningful comparisons over time.
- To create incentives.
- Promote faculty development.
- To build a stronger and more diverse campus community.

After the presentation, it was decided that current green teams are to meet and review the current committee structure in comparison to the Sustainability Tracking Assessment & Rating System (STAR). Ryan Smith will be providing more information and web sources. The goal is to realign the Green Teams and committees so that we can better assess our progress with meaningful metrics and institute a sustainability plan on campus.

IV. Review of Action Items as needed

- ✓ The committee was in favor of placing the college's catalog online by spring 2011. Dave Agazzi made the motion to approve, Jeff Julian seconded the motion and Maria Rafac made the third motion with a unanimous decision.
- ✓ The committee discussed hiring a part time sustainability coordinator. Linda Pollock made a motion to create a new position and hire a part-time sustainability coordinator to work thirty-two hours per week. Maria Rafac seconded the motion. The decision was unanimous. Dave Agazzi will take the recommendation to Senior Leadership Team for their consideration.

V. Other

Meeting adjourned – 4:45p.m.

The next sustainability meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. in the board room. (J-2026)