

***Learning Green, Living Green* Steering Committee Meeting Notes Frostburg State University's Sustainability Initiative**

Tuesday, April 15, 4:00pm – 6:00pm, Compton 226.

Members present: Ray Blank, Sydney Duncan, Paul Kazyak, Jim Limbaugh, Patrick O'Brien, Jeff Sellers, Dana Severance, Bill Seddon, Kara Rogers-Thomas, Ann Townsell, Monika Urbanski

Members absent: Joan Andorfer, Karla Diehl, Dave Firman, Jason Litten, Richard Scott, Becca Ramspott, Karen Treber, Skott Brill, Bud Precht, Lisa Rodgers, Alan Snyder, Sam White, Mikal Crawford, Dave Arnold, Hilkat Soysal, Oguz Soysal.

Guest: Elaine Raesly

MEETING AGENDA

A. Announcements and Updates

- Jeff Sellers updated the committee on his meeting with Jeremy Bittner, editor of the Bottom Line. The Bottom Line collects small printer ink cartridges as well as the large toner cartridges for copy machines. The LGLG web site will advertise and promote the Bottom Line's fundraising efforts.
- The FSU Bookstore recently announced that they will begin collecting plastic bags for recycling. This program was 100% initiated by the Book Store. The LGLG web site will also provide information on this program.
- Because of low interest and upcoming leadership issues, FSU has dropped out of the AASHE STARS program. We may still be participants at a later time.
- The FSU Executive committee has reviewed the Office of Sustainability proposal and is considering it. We hope to have announcements on this soon.
- Our own Ray Blank will be presenting on creating a greenhouse gas inventory at a USM Workshop on Climate Change on Thursday, May 1st at Shady Grove. Attendance is free, but you must reserve in advance. For more information contact Carol at 301-445-1907.
- Jeff Sellers and Patrick O'Brien provided an update of Earth Day 2008 events. They are still looking for faculty presenters and booth displays, and LGLG members are encouraged to participate. The event kicks off at 10am in the Lane Center. Jeff and Patrick will have a schedule of events available before end of day Thursday.

B. Recycling – This week, a recycling proposal will be presented to Dr. Gibraltar for review. The proposal asks for resources that would revitalize the campus recycling program. The Recycling Committee had recommended that our recycling program remain closed-to-the-public. Not only is the county recycling program strong

enough to support the community, but there were also concerns regarding safety and liability issues.

The recycling proposal will be sent to LGLG committee members later this week after it has been completed. Adjustments to the proposal will not be taken at this time. Our initial goal is to find out how much we will receive from the State. Once we know the dollar amount, we will accept recommendations and make adjustments accordingly.

We hope to have the new recycling bins in place by fall 2008. In the meantime, the Office of Institutional Effectiveness will craft a statement on transitional recycling procedures and send this to students, faculty, and staff later this Spring.

C. Inventory of Regional Green Activities – The committee passed around a list of green activities occurring in our region. Several LGLG members contributed to the list, but we are still soliciting individuals to make their contributions. The list will be updated and posted on the LGLG website.

D. ACUPCC Deadlines

- September 15, 2008 – Complete and publish a CO2 emissions inventory. FY 2007 inventory is complete but not published. FY 2008 inventory will be complete by end of summer.
- September 15, 2008 - Begin purchasing or producing at least 15% of our institution's electricity consumption from renewable sources. According to Ray, we are on schedule with this, but need to check back soon.
- Throughout AY 2009 - replace promotion of paper products with online alternatives, create and promote a system to report wasteful practices and offer suggestions for waste reduction.
- September 15, 2009 – We must develop and publish a formalized plan for when we will become carbon-neutral as an institution. This will require a great deal of research and collaboration with the Physical Plant. We should begin work on this in Fall of 2008.
- This Academic Year – Before summer, we will announce our results from Recyclemania, establish a transitional recycling program, and begin implementing a revitalized recycling program. This last objective is dependent on the response we receive from upper administration regarding the recycling proposal. We will also officially announce the Energy Star Policy.

E. LGLG Transition – We have done a great deal in one year, and our biggest concern in light of Jim's departure is ensuring that we maintain momentum and continue to be institutional leaders on sustainability. Committee members strongly felt that establishing a permanent sustainability coordinator would be the best move for the future of the university. We wait for news from upper administration regarding

approval of this position. Depending on the decision made, we may schedule another meeting before summer.

- F. Other Business: E = (LG²) Magazine – Sydney Duncan announced that the first publication will be available in mid- to late-May. It looks like the magazine will be published annually, and enrollment for next semester is already established. Sydney hopes that all LGLG members will encourage their students to submit articles and art, even if they don't make it in this semester's issue. Many students will complete their final projects after the magazine goes to print. These students are encouraged to submit their work as soon as it is complete so that it will appear in the fall 2008 issue. For more information, contact Sydney Duncan.

- G. Wrapping it up – Sydney Duncan took a photo of members in attendance to be added to E = (LG²) Magazine. The meeting was adjourned at 6pm. Another meeting may be scheduled before the end of summer. As always, we will keep the committee informed of everything that is going on.