

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

Tuesday, Dec. 4th, 4:30pm – 6:00pm, Compton 226.

Members present: Joan Andorfer, Skott Brill, Karla Diehl, Sydney Duncan, Paul Kazyak, Jim Limbaugh, Jason Litten, Patrick O'Brien, Bud Precht, Monika Urbanski, Lisa Rodgers, Kara Rogers-Thomas, Mikal Crawford, Alan Snyder, and Dave Arnold.

Members absent: Jeff Sellers, Ray Blank, Dave Firman, Richard Scott, Oguz Soysal, Bill Seddon, Dana Severance, Becca Ramspott, Karen Treber, Sam White, and Robert Larivee

MEETING AGENDA

A. Updates

1. Special consideration goes to Justin Andrews, who helped the Individual Actions committee establish an electronic survey administered by faculty, staff, and students. We have over 500 responses so far!
2. The Recycling field trip is scheduled for December 7th. Karla Diehl, Stephanie Pack, Jim Limbaugh, and Monika Urbanski are going. LGLG committee members were also invited. Jason Litten and Keramat Poorsoltan volunteered to attend.
3. Focus the Nation – we have almost 30 faculty presentations, and with Paul's help, we will also be setting up panel discussions with members from outside FSU, along with FSU faculty.
4. CFL light bulbs – FSU faculty and staff can now send old CFL bulbs to Physical Plant, c/o Ray Blank, to be included in recycled bulbs. Please do not include CFL bulbs used at home.
5. Copy machine toners and ink jet cartridges – right now, we have a program in place where you can send these (protected in proper packaging) to Central Receiving. These will then be sent to a company for recycling.
 - Talk to Bottom Line about how they recycle cartridges
 - Consider refilling kits

B. ENERGY STAR Policy Review – The policy was introduced at the last meeting, and everyone had an opportunity to review it. The committee voted to recommend this statement as a proposed policy. The next step is to formally send the proposal to Executive Committee for approval to become a formalized policy.

C. Short-term Visible Brainstorming Topics

1. Stickers – for light switches, electronics, closing windows

2. Electronics

- Set copiers to double sided copies, no cover sheet
- Set computers to sleep automatically

3. Planting trees, shrubs, other plants on campus - Focus on native/indigenous and those requiring less water

4. Night-time conservation of energy

5. De-lamping initiative

6. Lowering thermostats in winter/raising them in summer

7. Signage – make sure its on Recycled Paper!!!

- Exterior, around campus – attractive, permanent, metal/bronze signs posted all across campus that are site specific – placed where the action is.
- Consider a few billboards advertising Learning Green, Living Green
- Interior – signs in all buildings, also in bathrooms (fewer paper towels). See Jason Litten's poster idea

8. Paperless campaign

- Get offices to send fewer paper-advertisements to all faculty/staff members
- Provide online inventory of paper resources
- Faculty can consider putting syllabi on BlackBoard

9. Reduce chemicals campaign

- For lawn fertilizing
- Can also approach Housekeeping about Green products

10. Find out about pond drainage at athletic fields

11. Recycled paper in copy machines

D. Student Engagement – Joan Andorfer, chair of the Student Engagement subcommittee, will be scheduling a meeting for next week (probably Tuesday, Dec. 11th). We will receive updates after the meeting

E. Curriculum

1. Only faculty have the power to make curriculum changes in terms of addressing sustainability in the classroom
2. CLAS is moving forward and doing great, but what about the other colleges?
3. Keramat says that it may be worthwhile to integrate sustainability into all courses

- In this case, colleges can look at College or Departmental mission statements and consider revising
4. Bud would like input from the administration regarding any curriculum changes.
- F. Sustainability Inventory – Dr. Gibraltar requests that our committee submit an inventory of sustainable activities – not necessarily at FSU. A proposed radius is 150 miles from Frostburg. The committee members are asked to start thinking about this, and we will develop a list next semester
- G. The LGLG meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm.

TASKS BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING

- Send sustainability inventory topics to Monika
- Review the list of immediate actions