

**Learning Green, Living Green Committee Meeting Notes**  
**Thursday, October 8, 2009**  
**12:30pm – 2:00pm**  
**Library 237**

Present: April Baer, Doug Baer, Zachary Bensley, John Brewer, Sydney Duncan, Robert Doyle, Sidni Giordano, Paul Kazyak, Janice Keene, Cherie Krug, Way Lam, Sandra Marsh, Kelly Martin, Patrick O'Brien, Keramat Poorsoltan, Jeffrey Sellers, Matt Sloan, Ann Townsell, Monika Urbanski, Adrian Uzunian

The meeting was called to order shortly after 12:30pm by Monika Urbanski.

1. **Student Opportunity: Clinton Global Initiative University Meeting:** The Clinton Global Initiative University meeting will take place from April 16-18 in Miami, Florida. It convenes university students from all over the world to develop solutions to some of the world's most pressing issues. The five topic areas are: international education, global poverty, global health, energy and climate change, and peace and human rights. For details, visit <http://cgiu.clintonglobalinitiative.org/Page.aspx?pid=1853>, or contact Dr. Joan Andorfer from the FSU Political Science Department ([jandorfer@frostburg.edu](mailto:jandorfer@frostburg.edu)). There is potential and interest to have students from LGLG participate as a group. It may be possible to obtain Foundation funding, but we must act fast. This will be a follow-up item in the next LGLG email update.
2. **Webcast for Campus Sustainability Day 7:** Sustainability Strategies for Vibrant Campus Communities. Wednesday, October 21, 2009, 1pm-2:30pm. Cost: \$195 <http://www.scup.org/page/profdev/notravel/2009/csd/7> . Those LGLG members who indicated that they would like to participate include Keramat Poorsoltan, Sydney Duncan, April Baer, Sandy Marsh, Matt Sloan, Monika Urbanski, and Jeff Sellers. We must have at least 7-8 participants to justify the cost of the webinar. An email will be circulated to solicit participation.
3. **Update on LGLG Mission and Vision:** The LGLG Advisory Group is in the process of finalizing the first draft of the LGLG mission and vision. This will be presented to the entire group at the next LGLG meeting.
4. **LGLG Officers:** A request went out for volunteers for a meeting secretary and alternate secretary. April Baer volunteered to serve as secretary, and Sidni Giordano volunteered to serve as alternate secretary. Monika Urbanski will serve as acting chair until the search for a Safety and Sustainability Officer, which is in progress now, will be completed.
5. **Meeting Times and Locations:** The representatives in attendance agreed to hold meetings regularly at the time of the current meeting, and it was established that for the rest of the semester, meetings would be scheduled on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every

month from 12:30pm until 2pm, in a location to be announced. Library 237 and the President's Board room will be two potential locations. Below is the meeting schedule for fall 2009:

- Thursday, November 12 at 12:30pm
- Thursday, December 10 at 12:30pm

6. Other Updates:

- April Baer mentioned that the Wellness initiative is constantly looking for ideas to tie wellness with sustainability. If LGLG members have any suggestions, please let her know.
- Sydney Duncan and the bi-annual *E=(LG)<sup>2</sup> Magazine* are looking for nonfiction from students relating to sustainability. Faculty should please inform students of this opportunity. The contact email is [jmag@frostburg.edu](mailto:jmag@frostburg.edu). Cherie Krug added that previous issues of the magazine have caught the attention of numerous donors.
- Janice Keene mentioned that tracking for progress in sustainability should be a key priority for LGLG. Showing progress is the best way to garner attention and receive funding from outside sources.
- Keramat Poorsoltan mentioned that LGLG must work to increase participation and membership. Other LGLG members pointed out that the committee should remain volunteer-based.
- Doug Baer indicated that there is great interest and potential to work with residence halls to pilot programs that deal with sustainability.

7. **Awakening the Dreamer:** LGLG members watched the 4 ½ minute video

(<http://awakeningthedreamer.org/content/view/115/135>) on the Awakening the Dreamer Symposium. LGLG has sponsored a symposium at FSU, which will be held on Sunday, October 11 from 1:00pm until 4:00pm in the Lane University Center ARMAH. The symposium explores the current state of our planet from a new perspective, connecting participants with a powerful global movement to reclaim our future. The mission for this initiative is to bring forth an environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling, and socially just human presence on this planet. LGLG members were strongly encouraged to attend.

8. **Overview of CAP working groups:** Monika Urbanski provided a brief overview of the three working groups that will be formed to establish a foundation for achieving the goals outlined in the CAP. The working groups include:

- Mitigation group – Strategies that deal directly with reducing greenhouse gas emissions, through conservation, equipment upgrades, and investing in renewable energy sources.
- Outreach group – Reaching out to all FSU constituents and promoting sustainability to encourage others to get involved.

- Finance and Research group – Strategies that fund the sustainability initiative and keep it solvent over time. The group will also research ways to procure grant opportunities for students, faculty, and staff who are interested in pursuing research in sustainability.

9. **Breakout and Discussion:** LGLG members divided into the three groups to discuss overall goals for LGLG as well as group-specific goals. The information was shared by each group at the end of the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.