

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

Thursday, June 25, 2009

10am – 12pm, President's Board Room.

- Look at enrollments for Minor in Environmental Humanities and Minor in Environmental Policy
- Climate Action Plan presentations in early September must be scheduled no later than Sept. 8
 - Update – request put in for Sept. 8 and 9 in LUC 201
 - Ann, Becca, Monika will begin event planning, for follow-up at July 9 meeting
 - Banners
 - Posters
 - Flyer for HR packet
- Define renewable in renewable energy strategy
- Schedule meeting w/ Dr. Gibraltar soon to discuss the following:
 - VISTA worker for AY 2009-2010
 - Sustainability coordinator
- LGLG vision – The LGLG committee would like to craft a vision statement that outlines aspirations for sustainability at FSU. Becca and others will begin crafting language and we will revisit this at the July 9 meeting.
- Natural gas panel at 2009 Appalachian Festival – Anyone interested in working with Kara Rogers Thomas to organize a natural gas panel at the Appalachian Festival should contact Kara right away.
- Add strategy on environmental issues that affect the community: “The LGLG committee will support and encourage dialogue on environmental issues that affect the community by providing resources, expertise, and opportunities for engagement”.
 - Add opportunities to get involved on LGLG web site
- Finance – costs and returns – For several CAP strategies we already have information on costs and returns for strategy implementation. Add strategy to identify costs and returns within AY 2009-2010 for the rest: “The LGLG committee will finalize a list of costs and returns for all CAP strategies in AY 2009-2010.
- Strategy impacts – Ask Jon Diamond/John Brewer/Jeff Sellers to develop a graph of projected impacts of all CAP strategies.
- In response to Mr. Spahr's request to obtain information on carbon footprints of other major employers in our area, LGLG members will contact the Greater Cumberland Area to begin obtaining some preliminary information. This request led to a broader discussion on communicating and aligning with regional businesses.
 - How broad are we talking when we say “regional businesses?”
 - Strategy: “Form alliances with regional businesses to promote environmental consciousness collectively.

- Subcategory for the “energy and resource conservation” or a separate category for an outreach campaign: “Outreach working group will develop a “10-point conservation plan” (to include ideas for going paperless” for dissemination.
- Steve Ornstein indicated that IT is in the process of upgrading to virtual servers. We currently have about 50 servers and can expect that number to be reduced by about half.
- Send STAR pilot project report to LGLG committee. It is paperless-friendly and we would like to fashion our CAP in a similar way.