

Campus Sustainability Council | MINUTES

October 24 2014 | 1:30 pm | CFIR Boardroom

Meeting called by Campus Sustainability Office	Attendees Lee Chitty, Naomi Gichungu, Ian Vickers, Mike Thul, Jeff Palmer, Allan Amundsen, Laurel Repski, Len Cann, Kyle MacDonald, Janelle Laing, Melissa Dupuis
Type of meeting Quarterly	
Chair Alana Lajoie-O'Malley	
Minute taker Andrée Forest	Regrets Mike Emslie, Michael Dudley, Kimberly Benoit

| Approval of Agenda and Last Meeting Minutes |

Motion to approve the agenda.

Moved: L. Repski/L. Chitty

Agenda approved.

Motion to approve last meeting minutes.

Moved: A. Amundsen/L. Cann

Last meeting minutes approved.

| FY2013 Sustainability Performance Report |

Presentation

Alana Lajoie-O'Malley presents overview of FY2013 Sustainability Performance report:

Overall, report indicates great progress. Key achievements include: GHG reductions and energy efficiency, cleaning services contract, integration of capital and sustainability planning, waste diversion infrastructure, multiple awards, curriculum inventory, UPass, Diversity and Green Leaf Audit. To see report, click [here](#).

Alana presents overview of FY2014 priorities:

GHG/Energy use reductions: entering new phase; Waste diversion: bin collection, servicing, education; transportation: baseline commuter modal split and TDM plan; policy review: better integration, simplicity, accountability; STARS submission: possible action to complete low-hanging fruit; Outreach & Education: Green office, student educators.

Discussion

We are on target for emissions reductions to compensate for RecPlex, now that the building is operational. We are not reaching our targets when it comes to waste diversion.

Brief discussion about the issues we face regarding waste: we're producing the same amount of waste generally, but less of it is ending up in the recycling and compost streams. There have been promising changes to the layout of the sorting room that has increased the number of recycling pickups weekly. Training and new multi-stream waste bins in upcoming weeks are likely to improve situation.

| Policy Review |

Discussion

Sustainability-related policies that are currently at play were passed in 2006, and the process started in 2003. They are now 8 years old and due for review. Alana reviews the way policies work and have worked in the past at UWinnipeg, concluding with a need for a policy review and update.

Goals of review: a) achieve better alignment between format of sustainability policies and university policies b) address challenge of parallel policies and integrate where applicable c) look for updates in best practices as we go through.

Conclusion

Consensus from group that we should be moving forward with review and separate current sustainability policies into principles and procedures, where applicable, while removing goals from policies to ensure longevity.

| Energy Dashboard |

Presentation

Kyle MacDonald presents an overview of the energy dashboard interface that will eventually be present in all campus buildings. It will show, in real-time, the resource use of each building. Data will be presented in an easy-to-understand format so that anyone can look and use it. There will be opportunities to communicate sustainability initiatives on campus on the last tab of the dashboard.

The new buildings have appropriate meters to inform the system, and they are slowly being added to older buildings. TSC and City of Winnipeg are partners on this project. It would cost under \$20k to have dashboards in each building. This project has been on the backburner as retrofit projects have been ongoing.

Discussion

Group interested to see these dashboards in order for people to visualize energy consumption and resource use on campus as a way to improve individual behavior.

| FigBytes |

Presentation – for information

Conference call presentation from Colin at FigBytes about an all-encompassing data and goal management cloud software for sustainability. Program runs the gamut from directly pulling individual meter data to helping align action with goals. Would considerably reduce the data-entry and report-writing needed from CSO.

Discussion

May be duplicating some of the work already completed with the energy dashboard. Program could possibly pull from work happening right now. Concerns about the company not being familiar with Manitoba, in particular Manitoba Hydro.

Since the CSC is on the cusp of another strategic plan, the time would be ripe to bring in something like this to help the University with the next 5 years.

Conclusion

Would be interesting to explore functionality in Manitoba and know the experiences of other post-secondary institutions who are working with this program. Kyle would like to have login info to play around with system.

Action items

Get login access to FigBytes system so that Kyle can explore potential of program.

Person responsible Deadline

Alana Lajoie-O'Malley ASAP

| Action Plan Progress Updates |

No time to review in full. No pressing issues from group about their tasks.

Next Meeting: Friday, December 5th, 2014 1:30-3:00 CFIR Boardroom