

Student Sustainability Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes – Monday, January 12, 2015  
106 HUB  
Meeting called to order at 5:03pm

**1. Attendance at meetings**

- a. Last year was really great, let's keep it going
- b. Let Emily and Kayla know why you are going to miss/be late beforehand (but try to not do either of those things if you can avoid it)
- c. Subcommittee meeting minutes should still be taken
  - i. Take attendance
  - ii. Meeting minutes are especially important since Emily and Kayla won't be stopping in at meetings

**2. We have a Twitter account and Facebook page!**

- a. @psugreen
- b. Penn State SSAC-Current Members

**3. Student Transportation Meeting - Dylan**

- a. EV policy is going well, Transportation Services in support
- b. Bike Share
  - i. Looking at several different companies
  - ii. Want to do a survey to assess interest in student body, but departments can't send them out themselves
    - 1. SSAC may be a part of distributing one
  - iii. Timeline is getting pushed back due to delay in survey
  - iv. UPUA is very interested in this concept
- c. ZipCar vs. Smart Car service (Car to Go)
  - i. Problem with ZipCar services and their insurance policies for drivers under 21
  - ii. Car to Go not necessarily logical considering Smart Cars are quite small
- d. Penn State Shuttle Services
  - i. Looking to be reevaluated, especially since people don't know very much about them
- e. Bike Shelter by the Stadium Parking Lot
  - i. Looking to put one in West campus in the future
  - ii. OPP has a problem with the aesthetics of them
  - iii. Maintenance of bike repair stations
    - 1. OPP or Transportation?
    - 2. Someone needs to be put in charge of regularly checking on them and maintaining them

**4. Upcoming Meeting with David Gray - Let's Shape our Recommendations**

- a. EV Policy
  - i. Already going well
- b. Payback Period Policy
  - i. The main issue is a lack of money
  - ii. Needs a big push, so we should keep pushing it
- c. Green Tailgate
  - i. Wants more information
- d. Compressed Air
  - i. Loves the idea
  - ii. However, OPP is not technically allowed in some of the facilities without a work request → can students be involved in identifying the leaks, then SSAC can submit work requests?
  - iii. Necessity of a Green Labs program, needs more attention
  - iv. More conversations need to be happening about this; what else in labs is causing problems? Ex. Subfreezers, Fume Hoods
- e. Flushless Urinals
  - i. 1/8 gallon flushes are already being used
  - ii. Idea can still be moved forward, but it should be known that PSU is already using a fairly sustainable option
- f. IT Services
  - i. They picked the good one, yay!
- g. White Building Renovations
  - i. Not really in future plans right now
- h. Anaerobic Digester
  - i. In contact with someone, waiting for response
- i. Student Farm
  - i. Mostly about money, still up in the air
- j. Uniform Materials (John Mondock)
  - i. University of New Mexico is also having problems with vendors on campus (Mary Clark)
- k. Solar Array
  - i. All about the money
  - ii. We need a contact with the Class Gift student group
- l. Findlay Renovations
  - i. Student planning committee, can we get someone from our group on there?

## 5. Subcommittee Recaps

- a. Production
  - i. Trying to meet with Rick James
  - ii. Will try to get in touch with Bob Howard so they can get into the BJC and talk to people
- b. Consumption
  - i. Discussed possible topics

- c. Technology
  - i. Changed name to Energy!
- d. Education
  - i. Moving forward with ideas from last semester
  - ii. Contact with Stone Valley
    - 1. Accessibility, more knowledge
    - 2. Buildings, facilities, what needs to happen out there?
  - iii. Working on Gen Ed situation
    - 1. Compromise so they could get it through Faculty Senate
    - 2. Working on it

## 6. Hi Cary!

- a. New IFC Sustainability Representative

## 7. UPUA

- a. Working with Fossil Free PSU
- b. Creation of new UPUA subcommittee on sustainability
- c. Problems with compost bins in rooms at East Halls
  - i. Pilot program with composting at North Halls
  - ii. Composting rate with students is 20%
    - 1. New experiment with compartmentalized trash cans
  - iii. SSAC members to work with housing?
    - 1. Maybe future SSAC-ARHS liaison could help with this
  - iv. University of Minnesota has a great recycling program
- d. Representative interested in talking to someone about waste

## 8. IFC

- a. Educational programming for fraternity members
  - i. How can we help develop this?

## 9. Questions, Comments, Etc.

- a. Student Farm
  - i. Someone visiting from UC Davis on February 13, 12:20-1:00 in 101 Ag Sciences & Industries Building
    - 1. Good to ask them other general questions too
  - ii. Listserv and meetings for the Student Farm
- b. Sustainable Communities Collaborative
  - i. Kick-off Thursday from 4-6pm
  - ii. Part of SI
  - iii. Connect classroom to community, programs that students can do for the community
- c. Ideas that require a lot of funding
  - i. How do we get donations? What can we do about this?
  - ii. Can we create a Sustainability Fund?
    - 1. Sue is working with development to establish something like this

2. Athletics is talking with BASF (chemical company), interested in partnering with PSU
- iii. We need to come up with proposals that can then be funded
- iv. Contact development officers to discuss fundraising tactics

\*\*\*Each subcommittee needs to create a concise description of *exactly* what it is they want to happen with their recommendations by **Wednesday** and send it to Kayla\*\*\*

Meeting adjourned: 5:57pm