President's Sustainability Leadership Team Meeting Wednesday, May 16, 2012 · 1:30 p.m. Seibert Conference Room

Present:

Dr. Susan Barker Brad Sparks
Ron Henderson Karen Stallman
Rob Hilgenbrink Dr. Valerie Thaxton

Jody Lauf Bob Weck

Melanie Reinhardt Dr. Katherine Witzig

Bill Sax Bernie Ysursa

Approval of Prior Minutes:

Minutes from the February 22, 2012 PSLT Meeting were emailed to everyone prior to this meeting for review. Ms. Lauf made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Sparks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

"Integrating Sustainability"

Ms. Jean Ponzi, Green Resources Manager from the EarthWays Center of the Missouri Botanical Garden, was the guest speaker for today's meeting. Ms. Ponzi shared information in regard to the Green Business Challenge the purpose of which is to share tools, resources, and networking to implement green practices.

IGEN Network Update:

Mr. Hilgenbrink reported that IGEN is seeking base funding by legislation through Renewable Energy Trust Fund, Municipal Aggregation services for fees, and Smart Grid funding that utilities have available for training and education through working with Ameren and ComEd.

Green Curriculum:

Credit:

Mr. Sparks reported there was good enrollment in the sustainable CMT courses that were offered during the spring semester. There will be a Green Building Methods course offered during the summer semester.

The energy auditor and weatherization courses are both running robust enrollment.

Non-credit:

Ms. Lauf reported that enrollment was not sufficient enough to offer the CSA courses this spring.

Students in the Community Ed Life Skills class helped with the Earth Day events by wrapping the more than 300 seedling trees in newspaper in an effort to keep their roots moist.

Community Education is preparing for the chia project they will be offering during Art on the Square the weekend of May 18. The chias will be made in the more than 600 empty yogurt cups collected from various schools and SWIC departments over the past several months.

Greening Your Curriculum:

Dr. Barker reported on her efforts encouraging faculty to include a component of sustainability into their curriculum. They will showcase what has already been done during Faculty Development Week in August.

Recycling Committee:

Ms. Ponzi shared information learned from the Recycling Committee Meeting which met earlier that morning.

Sustainability Center Report:

Ms. Stallman reported the Earth Day Celebration was a successful event enjoyed by attendees and vendors alike.

Dr. Michael Smith is heading the challenge to explore the possibility of an on-campus food pantry for students in need. Space to house it is an issue, but there is definitely a need.

Mr. Henderson, Ms. Reinhardt, Mr. Sax, Mr. Sparks, Ms. Stallman, Dr. Witzig, and Mr. Ysursa are planning a visit to Illinois American Water in Belleville to view solar panels currently being used by their company.

The *Keeping it Green Statement* has been updated with suggestions that were submitted for change. Ms. Lauf, Mr. Weck, Ms. Stallman and Dr. Witzig will meet to discuss consideration of a social justice statement.

Green Jobs Report:

Dr. Barker reported that she was able to offer three jobs workshops at SWIC thanks to a minigrant award through IGEN. The workshops were April 25, Facilitating Employee and Student Engagement in Campus Sustainability Initiatives; April 30, Energy Management: From Audit to Action; May 4, Creating a Business Case for Sustainability – Financing, Purchasing, and Budgets.

SWIC is exploring education and career opportunities in green healthcare.

Campus Update:

Mr. Henderson reported that both he and Dave Parker (Custodial-Maintenance Supervisor) made a presentation entitled "Sustainability: Green Cleaning" at the USGBC-Missouri Gateway Chapter Green Schools meeting at the new Belle Valley Elementary School on April 12 in which they highlighted green cleaning as a sustainable process at SWIC and the benefit it has on the environment and on improving indoor air quality for students, staff and guests.

TAA Grant Update:

SWIC has agreed to participate in a statewide consortium of 17 Illinois community colleges to assist in the development and implementation of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) through a grant received from the Department of Labor. The grant will provide funds for equipment and personnel which will make SWIC a leader in the area of Advanced Manufacturing and number one or number two in the nation as far as our CNC and Welding capability. Course work will be available online through a program called NTER which will allow it to be shared with other colleges as well.

Other Issues/Updates:

Ms. Stallman reported that Jean Ponzi of the Missouri Botanical Center will be on campus to present once again in the fall as part of the Sustainability Speakers Series.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Mueth