CACES Meeting Notes - November 21, 2013


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*CACES needs to take over the sustainability website
-Advantages: will probably have longer life-span. -Warren will volunteer to take over website; would like another person from committee to help (Warren) with this (likely will be on sabbatical 2015). -Website has limitations. -Warren would like to go live with wetlands website within the next few days. -Is anyone interested in providing feedback prior to it going live? -Warren will send website to whole committee. -Early January for roll-out?

*Cascadia Community College is re-assembling their sustainability committee -John met with Warren; John has interests in exploring the creation of a joint committee. -Warren urged that things need to be taken slow; need to think about pros/cons of various ways of doing this as well as difficulties in bringing everyone together.
  *Step 1: have joint committee in January
  *Thoughts?:
    -Generally things work well working jointly
    -Maybe a sub-committee?
    -Many things are not specific to one side or the other, and more champions may be a good thing - throughout the campus...
    -UWB may be able to learn from CCC; they have done-away with all plastic bottles
    -Revenue stream at CCC has increased
    -Foundations/learning

*Tony spoke with Terence about possibility of having a sustainability coordinator on UWB side. -Sust. Coord. could be shared with CCC. -Terence seemed open to possibility
*Update on Crows & Water Quality Situation* - Had meeting with science people to focus questions to begin to understand why we have water quality problems that we have. - Are beginning to get answers. - A plan is now in place. - Are moving forward on science. - Warren will maybe contact UCI? 
- Tony & Warren are meeting with Marilyn to update, etc. Not intended to be a detailed meeting.

*Green Seed Fund Grants*
- Transportation has bikes that they lend. - Student housing has bikes they lend as well. - Has a coordinated program been thought of within transportation committee?
- Jozlyn has sent questionnaires...
- Rob: they are going to go after the grant. - Are there any other proposals out there?
- The campus garden group is canceled

*Student Sustainability Organization*
- Jozlyn wants to create an Earth Day Committee. - Jozlyn feels that Earth Day needs to be made more interactive.
  
  *Plastic Bottle: originally wanted to create 3D model with them*
  *They have been brain-storming plastic bottle visual ideas*
  *Create Eco.-Map to map natural existing areas within campus*
  *Have students volunteer with facilities. - Jozlyn researching grant for next year's Earth Day - Contact WASPERG?*

- **Ambassador/Green Team:** they are working on this - If fee proposal works perhaps UWB should be approached to give money too. - Create survey. - Where should trash be placed for Earth Day?

- **Stations will be created to take quick surveys** to get idea of amount of plastic bags being thrown out, etc.
- Maybe station themselves outside of Subway and illustrate the amount of plastic bags used, etc.
- **Encourage students to forgo the plastic bag as Subway** is being difficult with their "policies".
-Composting: is it really making an impact? Is more training needed?  
The Green Team will hopefully do presentations  
-Suggestion for Earth Day: skits/plays -Would be good to bring resident life into Earth Day; Jozlyn is working on this -Advancement and bookstore could give awards? Maybe not... as that is even more wasteful.

-Water systems are being changed throughout the campus.  
-UW3 will have hand dryers installed and touch screens (energy dashboards).

-Sustainability organization found power-down devices for vending machines; UWB already have these. -Amy in library contacted to see if lights could be shut down on two floors to save electricity. -Garden group: food choices and environmental impact... Jozlyn/group working on measuring where food is coming from, etc.

-More food options coming in future hopefully. -Population/data collection done; UWB student population very diverse. -How to meet needs of all the groups? This is going to the chancellor in January. Will sustainability measurements be made for this data, etc.?

*Sustainability Coordinator  
-Everyone Tony spoke with is very excited about possibility. -Tony bringing Benjamin Silver; graduate of UW Seattle in Urban planning/ minor in Environmental Science. –BS, worked for one year at Edmonds Community College; he started a lot of initiatives; he's written a few grants; will begin to work for Tony for one year on a temporary basis.  
-It is hoped that everyone will begin to see value of this position; thereby making it permanent. -Tony will be receiving 12k from Puget Sound Energy (used toward BS's salary?). -Tony has a few buckets of money for BS's salary. -PSE is giving 12K for two years with no questions asked. -How will Cascadia be involved in this if at all? Terrence has not said no, and is planning to think about the position.  
-Any plans for work-study students to help BS? Tony is trying to make arrangements...  
-How much does work-study cost? 10-12 per hour?  
-Perhaps a lot of volunteer options as well?  
-What will happen after the year?
- Need to advertise what BS will do so that this can continue/impact. - One of first things to communicate to BJ is to make sure that what he is doing is acknowledged.

*Will receive availability for Jan. meeting...