**Minutes**February 24, 10:30 – 12:00

Administrative Services III, Room 101

**C**ampus
**E**nvironmental
**S**ustainability
**T**eam

**Attendance**

Carla Davis, Kyle Barth, Lisa Maune, Dick Bernhard, Walt Robinson, Lisa Johnson, Lindsay Batchelor, Rebekah Dunstan, Jack Colby, Traci Rose Rider, Eric Rizzo, Tracy Dixon, Bill Winner, Liz Bowen, Jeff Hightower, Analis Fulghum, Lauren McKinnis, Charles Brown, Brian O’Sullivan, Brian Jones

**Welcome** – Jack Colby

**Student Sustainability Fund RFP** – Kyle Barth

The Student Sustainability Fund Committee is looking for projects proposals for up to $30,000 in implementation funding. The Sustainability Fund Advisory Board includes Kyle Barth and several other students, Dr. Derek Aday, Tom Skolnicki, and Tracy Dixon. Fund must finance projects that directly benefit students. Ideally, projects would kick off in August. Brian Jones had the suggestion to add additional solar trees to the space between Partners I and Poulton Innovation Center. Bill Winner had a suggestion that when the university publicizes student sustainability investments, they should also include Talley Student Union renovation and the Parks Scholars’ solar tree.

**Green Brick Awards** – Walt Robinson

Green Brick Awards are the campus sustainability awards. Nominations open 2/25 and close 3/19. Changes this year include the creation of a nomination review committee. The committee will meet as a group to review nominations and will bring their recipient recommendations forward for CEST approval at the 3/25 meeting. Anyone on CEST is eligible to participate if interested. The nomination committee is meeting at 11:30am on 3/20 in room 303. Farm Feast during Earth Month will be the venue for the awards. Another change is that there is a new category of “campus organization”. CEST members are not eligible to be nominated. The Green Brick Awards are sponsored by Coca-Cola. Quick side announcement to visit Jordan Hall addition for the plastic window art installation.

**Meet a NC State Steward** - Eric Rizzo

Eric is a student in the College of Textiles majoring in polymer and color chemistry. He became a Steward because he is interested in sustainability and wants to implement sustainability on campus. He looked at the sustainability website, applied and became a NC State Steward. The plastic bag recycling program in four campus locations has collected 697 bags in 4 weeks. Coming up is a panel discussion on sustainable textiles- featuring professionals from a local diehouse, fashion industry, and the screen printing industry. It will be held on April 9th in Witherspoon Student Cinema. Eric Rizzo accepted the Steward student coordinator position for the 2014/2015 academic year.

**College-based sustainability director briefing** - Traci Rose Rider

Traci is the Coordinator for the Design Initiative for Sustainability & Health within the College of Design. The goal of the new initiative is to build capacity within four spheres: 1.) Within college to target funding opportunities and create working group; 2.) Across NC State and committees; 3.) Peer programs such as ergonomics and community planning. Establish contact with groups and build collaborations. Increase participation at conferences, workshops, etc.; and 4.) Alumni in industry. Promote scholarly work. Making faculty aware of opportunity. Get faculty in journal articles and popular press. (Dwell, Metropolis, etc.).

New LEED Laboratory course ARC 590-012 is an interdisciplinary living laboratory course that will improve a building on NC State campus and give the students the documented experience they need to sit for the LEED AP exam.

**Vote to approve the SOP moving forward** – Jack Colby (Draft SOP attached to agenda)

The Sustainability policy is going before the Board of Trustees. Through that process the policy was brought down to basic tenets. The expansion and further guidance on the policy will be found in the sustainability SOP. The SOP is a corollary to the Sustainability Policy that can change over time. Jack would like full endorsement of CEST. Lisa Johnson comments that a couple of minor changes should be made. In “Additional References”, remove Centennial Campus Master Plan, since it is covered in the Physical Master Plan. Reference the university-adopted NC State Space Standards for research and design studio space. The amendments were adopted. The SOP was adopted with the changes suggested.

**Composting pilot in residence halls** – Analis Fulghum

Analis reported that Waste Reduction and Recycling is piloting a pizza box composting project with University Housing. The Pizza Box Composting Project starts March 3rd in Bragaw in the Lee parking lot by existing trash dumpster. There are locations accessible to Bowen, Metcalf, Owen, Turlington, Tri Towers (trash chutes), and Alexander. Collection will be based on demand and WRR is estimating 1-2 times per week. Pizza boxes are being targeted in these residence halls because they are a contaminant in the recycling stream and clog trash chutes. The Eco Village residents helped paint dumpsters and with education. Housing and WRR will evaluate this pilot project before agreeing to long term agreement. The awareness portion of this project includes the dumpster painting, educational video, social media, and other educational material. WRR is working with Housing to promote by having pizza parties. Another initiative that WRR is also working on is “Cease the Grease” at ES King Village and Western Manor. The ongoing initiative of pre-consumer dining waste composting is going well.

**Earth Month plans** – Joel Pawlak

Joel is the Associate Dean for Research in the College of Natural Resources and chairs the Earth Day Planning Committee. Joel updated the team on Earth Month (April). There are 15 different activities on the calendar (4 more to be confirmed) with 11 different units across campus. The planning committee is responsible for the 3 signature events that kickoff on March 29th at the Rubbage Ride clean up. The traditional Earth Fair on the Brickyard will be on April 9th. The month’s closing event will be an Earth Day Jamboree on Earth Day proper, April 22, at Centennial Campus. The April 22 event will be student-lead and use the unifying themes of being grassroots, day before last day of classes, art, recreation, and clean up.The awareness for Earth Month includes a social media strategy and chalking campus. Brian Jones offered to contact Centennial partners and mentioned that Advanced Energy may be interested in an alternative transportation event.

**Announcements**

Lisa Johnson reported that the Physical Master Plan update is going to the Board of Trustees, and the Office of the University Architect would like to publish May 2014. This plan, with Liz Bowen facilitating the Sustainability Task Force, embeds sustainability into the Master Plan.

Jack Colby announced that between weather and curtailments the year end utility budget shortfall forecasted to increase from $760,000 to $1,900,000. The university will have to come up with this shortfall out of its existing budget. There were also legislative budget cuts in utility spending. We need to do everything we can to reduce this as much as possible, including education and awareness. Shutdown over the holidays saved $288,000.

Lindsay Batchelor announced the sustainable workplace certification pilot program kickoff. Please participate and submit comments. She will have this up on the sustainability website (www.ncsu.edu/sustainability).

Jack Colby announced that the Midyear Appalachian Energy Summit meeting is coming up. The main goal is to save $1 billion in energy over ten years. We are investigating design and regulatory issues, and this work sets the stage for June Summit.

Analis Fulghum mentioned that WRR is holding a paper and electronics shredding drive on March 12th from 9-2. Bring your electronics, rigid plastics, paper for shredding. More information can be found at the WRR website (http://recycling.ncsu.edu/).

Liz Bowen shared that the LEED Green Associate exam preparation course will be held in Admin III on April 4th from 9-5pm. Register at the USGBC North Carolina website (http://www.usgbcnc.org/events/event\_details.asp?id=394331)