

Minutes for Recycling Committee

Wednesday, October 31, 2007, 8:30 – 9:30 am

Members present: Michelle Verges, Dave Vollrath, Albert Peiffer, Beth Houser, Marietta Tyks, Robert Pope, Kristin LaFollette, Deb Marr

1. Approval of minutes from September meeting

- Michelle will send to Ann Grens (VP of Senate) and Henry Scott (Chair of Facilities)

2. Welcomed new members of the committee (Kristin and Beth)!!

3. Update on Higher visibility

Items accomplished

- Senate page has been updated to include link to Recycling page
- All events have been posted to the Campus Calendar
- Amelia Sinnott has written articles for two issues of the *Preface* highlighting changes in the recycling program and providing information
- Kristin LaFollette created a Facebook page for the Recycling committee
 - All members have been invited to join Facebook.
 - Contact Kristin with information to add to the facebook page.

Issues that need work

- Need to update labels on bins (send Marietta labels and she can work on replacing labels)
- Create photos of what goes in each container, place above recycling bins
- Need to get more information on recycling to students living in current student housing. Kristin reported that her house is the only house currently recycling (Esther St.). Beth Houser will get contact information for the students.
- Need to send description of plastic bag drive and Styrofoam drive to Michelle for posting on the campus calendar
- Robert can update recycling page (need to send him information on what to update)

4. Greendisk program

- Bins have been set up in computer labs
- In addition to article in Preface, flyers need to be sent to each departmental office and posted on the Electronic Bulletin Board
- Flyers have been posted above the bins.

5. Printer cartridge recycling

- Andy ordered boxes from Empties 4 Cash, these boxes will be distributed to photocopying rooms on campus. Need to advertise switch in printer cartridge recycling.

6. Student housing

- Albert reported that the construction waste has been recycled, but no plans have been made for how to handle recycling in student housing
- Marietta will ask Michael Prater if it is possible to get a recycling committee member added to the facilities/custodial committee to strengthen the link between custodians and recycling committee

7. Report on meeting with Facilities committee and Dining Services (Michelle)

- Michelle met with the facilities committee and discussed increasing composting on campus
- Some composting is being done now. Expanding composting requires more space and perhaps more information to landscaping crew

- Michelle met with Steve Rose. Dining services has begun using biodegradable cups for smoothies in the SAC. The cups are not well labeled, and we need to train people to rinse the cups and dispose of in container that can be taken to an area for composting.
- Michelle drafted a letter with suggestions on how to use biodegradable cups effectively. Dave Vollrath suggested we think more about which people/ units should receive letter. This will be discussed via email. Ran out of time to discuss specifics of letter.

8. Request for recycling glass on campus

- Discussion of barriers to recycling glass on campus (risk to custodians)
- Suggestion: eliminate glass sold on campus. Implement policy that only biodegradable, plastic, or aluminum be sold on campus

9. Other suggestions

- Reduce number of phonebooks sent to campus (need to contact Charles Douglas, Deb will follow up)
- Connect with Biofuel company. Robert suggested local Biofuel company is buying used cooking oil, should connect with dining services
- Need to order recycling bins for IT (Deb needs to get prices to the committee)

Reminder: *Book drive:* November: Week of Nov. 26, 2007

Need to Send notice out to Secretaries and campus (email and Bulletin Board)