LCSC Meeting Minutes: 9/16/13

Attendees:

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Introductions:

Dan Rohlf discussed the roots of the Sustainability Council. It was started in the late 1990s by Evan Williams, a former undergraduate Biology professor. It began as a discussion board for the school to explore ways to become more sustainable. The LCSC officially reports to the Executive Council; it represents a collaboration between all three campuses to promote interdisciplinary thinking and solutions, save money through sustainability efforts, and to increase our collective profile as an institution that values sustainability. Dan is the temporary chair. He is going on sabbatical in the spring and Janice Weis may be taking over as chair then.

Agenda Items:

Item Description	Vote/ Status	Notes
Bruce Podobnik introduced a letter about Lewis & Clark endorsing the development of a Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development for the Greater Portland region. Dan proposed a resolution to support this letter.	Resolution approved.	UN initiative created RCEs to help bring existing orgs into discussion about issues. This would be a cost-free networking effort to create greater coordination and communication between Portland players in sustainability. Also, it would help create a database for internship information for students. -Greg Smith and Bruce from LC have been working to create proposal to become RCE for greater Portland metro area.
Improving pedestrian and bicycle access on Barbur Blvd for the safety of the Lewis & Clark community. Dan's resolution: Sustainability Council approve a letter to ODOT, Metro, and the City Commissioner, encouraging all of them to work together for a solution to better pedestrian and bicycle access on Barbur prior to the 2035 Southwest Corridor Plan is implemented. Emphasize safety and livability in the letter. Dan and Damien will draft a letter, send it around to the Council for edits, and then send it to President Glassner.	Resolution approved.	There are two bridges over ravines on Barbur where the bike lane disappears. A CAS student was hit and seriously injured this summer on Barbur. The unsafe nature of Barbur affects our ability to encourage bike commuting as an institution. The bridges are owned by ODOT. The Southwest Corridor Plan is a long-term plan in which a separate bike and pedestrian pathway is in the works (It is very expensive and will not be in place until 2035). In the meantime, a proposed solution is to take one of Northbound traffic lanes and use that space to provide ped and cyclist lanes. This was approved by the SW Planning Committee in February. ODOT said this would create a 9 minute traffic delay, while the city's study said it would be a possible 2 minute delay. On January 14th, 2013, LCSC sent a letter to Jason Tell at ODOT encouraging ODOT to evaluate a Barbur road diet. It was met with support and our letter is what tipped the city to study the road expansion.

Fall Budget Items :

- SIP (Sustainability in Portland)
- Green Move Out Event
- Celebration for LEED certification for Holmes Hall
- Funding for Watershed Restoration Event - partner with SOLV and West Multnomah Soil District
- Sustainability rewards program (incentives for bike commuters if they can document cycling, etc.)
- Strategic Plan Implementation

Council Committees: Council has three committees that occasionally meet to talk about specific projects: the Learning Committee, the Operations Committee, and the Communications and Outreach Committee. We encourage, but don't require everyone on LCSC to work with the committees.

Committee Sign-Up as of the end of the meeting:

Learning Committee (doesn't have a chair yet)
Anna Daggett
Dan Rohlf
Thomas Doherty
Damian Miller

Operations (Chair: Amy)
Ryan Shannon
Anna Daggett
Jake Gora
Thomas Doherty
Damian Miller
Carl Vance
Moira Domann

Communications/ Outreach (Chair: Vanessa)
David Ellis
Anna Daggett
Gabe Bishop
Lawrence Siulagi

Events:

Sustainability in Portland (SIP): Council is sponsoring the 2nd annual SIP. Backup place if it rains is Greg Pavilion. Come on Wednesday at 5 pm on the Manor House patio if you can!

Updates:

Association for Sustainability and Advancement for Higher Education will be hosting their event next October. We want to highlight LC through that conference.

Amy will talk about ratings and rankings of the institution next meeting.