

Sustainability Committee Meeting Notes – January 25, 2008

The Sustainability Committee met today to discuss plans for the *Focus on the Nation Teach-in on Global Climate Change*, being managed by Claire Anderson, '09. Our intention was to ensure the involvement of the Sustainability Committee.

Discussed Topics:

Poster Meeting at 2pm in Beard Lounge on Sunday 27th. The intention was to create posters by hand to reduce the carbon footprint of the project.

Sustainability Table and what was to be put at it. The Sustainability Committee took responsibility for Science Center Petition. Professor Tommy Ratliff brought to our attention that the science center is back to conceptual design stages again. The building may not be LEED certified as it was originally intended. A petition was drafted by Austin Llewlyn, Martha Cornwell and Claire Anderson to be signed by students during the teach-in. It should be delivered to President Crutcher by February 10th. The petition we are hoping can be brought to the attention of student/trustee committee of the Board of Trustees through Corinna McFarland in February or May. This effort will be collaborated with Katie Burbank on the committee for the new science center. The table will also include a survey to gage student awareness on campus.

Also at the information fair will be a CFL lightbulb give away from the NE Utility Grid. There will be a vendor raffle as well. The committee decided it would be a great idea to sign a pledge to enter the raffle.

Other Topics Discussed at the meeting:

Wire articles:

Sierra Flannigan and Ali Andrews are waiting to hear from Caitlin Libby, Editor of the Wire about a weekly sustainability column in the WIRE. The first article will be about Focus on the Nation.

Food Issues:

There were several food issues on campus that were brought up at the meeting. Professor Barbara Darling-Smith discussed getting involved in the Humane Society Cage-free, Cruelty-free egg campaign. John Bragel was not available to tell us how the organic bananas were received. We will receive a report next meeting of this topic.

It was brought to our attention that our current food contract ends July 1, 2009. Professor Jonathan Brumberg-Kraus and two students are researching more sustainable food options. Proposals/ideas may be submitted in Jan./Feb. next year.

Greenhouse:

The greenhouse beside President Crutcher's house is going well. We are waiting until February to get some of the supplies from Home Depot and the students now have a key.

Future Goals for Committee: better web-presence, making sure new science building is LEED certified.