Faculty Committee on Sustainability
April 2, 2014
DNL 233, 10:00 AM

In attendance: Jim Biardi (chair), Carol Ann Davis, David Downie, Tod Osier, Kraig Steffen, Toby Svoboda

1) Approval of minutes from FCS meeting of 3/5/2014
   a. Motion to approve (CAD). Seconded (KS). No discussion. All in favor.

2) Announcements
   a. JB announced he attended SLACU meeting hosted by United Illuminating on 3/19. This included discussion and information sharing on campus sustainability issues among representatives from various universities. Fairfield representation included one student.
   b. DD announced Earth Day events, including talk at bookstore on Thursday 4/24 at 6:30 pm. Students encouraged to attend.
   c. JB announced that draft of Campus Sustainability Plan and survey soliciting feedback on it are ready to be distributed to campus community.

3) Summary of CSC meeting of 3/12/2014
   a. KS reported CSC meeting included discussion of open space inventory with Tom Curran. KS also noted work set to begin on the lacrosse stadium and addition to Fairfield Prep; no new information on nursing building; and CSC discussed possible incentives to encourage participation in survey on Campus Sustainability Plan.

4) Ongoing business
   a. Health Sciences recommendations follow-up
      ii. JB noted that FCS has yet to receive the parking usage study from facilities, despite requests. He will write letter requesting parking study. TO said study was commissioned as part of initiative to redefine use of space on campus. Study may be outdated. CAD said FCS nonetheless needs past information.
   b. Open space inventory
      i. KS said that FCS needs access to both parking study and map indicating land usage on campus (as part of open spaces inventory). He noted that more information is required to advise on sustainability issues regarding long-term planning. JB suggested FCS communicate sustainability issues more clearly to campus community (e.g., advantages of parking structure on campus).
   c. Issues to bring to CSC agenda
      i. JB suggested that FCS stress its need for map indicating land usage. TO noted we owe Academic Council a draft of this map.
   d. Draft of Annual Report to GF
i. JB will email FCS with draft of annual report to general faculty.

5) Future business
   a. Update(s) to Academic Council?
      i. JB noted FCS should update AC on open space inventory. KS suggested presenting map of land usage, if available.
   b. Athletic Field composition
      i. JB said turf composition for new athletic field does not raise many toxicological concerns, but there are environmental concerns regarding possible runoff. TO noted different athletic teams may have divergent preferences for surface composition.

6) Motion to adjourn (KS). Seconded (CAD). All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Toby Svoboda