Faculty Committee on Sustainability (FCS)
25 September 2013, 1:30 pm, DN Library Conference Room

DRAFT MINUTES

In attendance: James Biardi; Michael Cavanaugh; Carol Davis; David Downie (Environmental Studies Dir., ex-officio); Jen Klug (outgoing Chair); Tod Osier; L. Kraig Steffen; Toby Svoboda. Absent: Paul Fitzgerald (AVPAA, ex-officio); student representative to be appointed by FUSA.

1. Review Charge of the Committee

Outgoing chair Klug reviewed the charge of the committee. Steffen, Osier, Klug, & Biardi commented on elements of the charge of the FCS relevant to the activities and charges of the Campus Sustainability Committee and the Executive Committee of the Environmental Studies Program. A short discussion ensured regarding preserving open-space.

2. Election of Committee Chair for 2013-2014.

Outgoing chair Klug reviewed the responsibilities of the Chair and called for nominations. Following a short discussion, Steffen nominated Jim Biardi to serve as Chair of the FCS for the 2013-2014 academic year. Cavanaugh seconded. Approved 7-0.

3. Election of 4 Members of FCS to serve on Campus Sustainability Committee (CSC)

Following a general discussion of the activities of the CSC and the requirement that the FCS elect 4 of its faculty members to serve on the CSC, and the availability of individual faculty members to attend CSC meetings during their normal meeting time, Downie nominated Biardi, Davis Steffen, and Svoboda to serve on the CSC during 2013-2014 and Steffen to serve as Faculty Secretary of the CSC. Cavanaugh seconded. Approved 7-0.

4. Discussion of Future Agenda Items for the FSC during its 2013-2014 sessions.

Following general discussions, the Committee identified the following items for meetings:

- Receiving updates on, and discussing developments in the CSC.
- Working the CSC Faculty Secretary to help develop agenda items for CSC meetings.
- Updating the Academic Council on the development of a Campus Sustainability Plan
- Contributing to the ongoing development of an inventory of open-space on campus used for education and research and other spaces that should be preserved.
- Considering a possible proposal to establish an undergraduate major in Env Studies.
- Considering opportunities to encourage development of potential new courses related to sustainability
- Other issues as they arise