Sustainability Steering Committee Meeting

Date: December 14, 2012
Time: 2-3:30pm
Location: UL 1116


Student Presentations
- Housing interest how to inspire residents, let them know what they can do
  large topic so be specific teach them practical applications
- Long lasting and not a trend - teach into everyday life adapts to life after
  college
- Implementing ideas such as reusable mugs and bottles
- University of Colorado -$10 register bike fixed all year
- Bike Share Program-swipe Jag Tag and use bike for a few hours
- Permaculture and on-campus farmers markets

Campus Sustainability Day
- National recognized day by HEASC/AASHE Conducted by SSC-spreading
  awareness
- Campus-wide events focusing on sustaining health, energy, and conservation
- LA Fitness, Indy Cog, Indy Go, Toyota, Honda, ICAT, and Studio Ruby Lake
- Speaking events from organizations and faculty of IUPUI

Transit Resolution
- Steering Committee voted to support the transit resolution that passed out of
  the Transportation Committee

Office of Sustainability Report
- Single Stream Recycling -Roll Out begins in January
  - Working closely with CFS on transition and repurposing slim Jims
    with new simple signage.
  - Can’t recycle old stations due to lamination, checking with
    Bloomington or regionals to see if they could use extra bins.
- Greening IUPUI Grant: pre-proposals due January 28, 2013 and full proposals
  due March 1, 2013
- Updating Annual Report from 2005-2010
- Developing electronic newsletter
Sub Committee Updates

Academics
• Certificate in Sustainable Studies-18hour program
• Draft of inventory of courses on campus-Registrar site
• Advising SSC and resource for students on Campus Sustainability Day
• Grant for Outdoor Classrooms-classroom service activity

Transportation
• Passed transit resolution

Land, Air and Water
• Dr. Ingrid Ritchie project water conditioning study on campus
  o New technology to replace brine systems/working with CFS
• Fluorescent lamp recycling

Built Environment/Energy
• Bike safety and zoning-study on bike paths to increase safety for pedestrians and bikers
• Solar panels-Business/SPEA-launching in January
• Largest solar paneling
• Refillable water bottle stations-19 on campus and more to come
• Healthy Change Fund-potential source to fund stations that range in cost from $500-$2,000

Public Health
• Connecting health and sustainability by partnering with Simon Cancer Center
• Bicycling and pedestrian safety issues/partnering with Campus Safety Committee
• Built Environment Accessibility Conference/walkability survey tools/Public Health Students

Additional Comments
Jane-Tobacco Free IUPUI Committee-
• New signage and outreach/fewer but more affective signage
• Moving problematic butlers to more neutral zones
• Reminder of campus tobacco policy pushed out to registrar and all schools

Patty-Healthy IU
• Stress Management Class offered to employees about mindfulness and stress
• Diabetes prevention program is free/16 weeks
1. By 2025, how would you like IUPUI to be known? What will distinguish us from other institutions?

The IUPUI Sustainability Steering Committee would like for IUPUI to distinguish itself as one of the best sustainable urban universities, recognized locally, nationally, and internationally for its achievements. We would like for IUPUI to be known as a leading research based university that addresses the major and compelling challenges to Indiana, the United States, and the world, including: Sustainability; Climate Change; Health Care; Energy Policy; Education; Societal disparities in wealth and health; Investments in research and design; and 21st century government structure and function to carry out the above, including the Rule of Law.

The following will distinguish us from other institutions: A commitment to the health of our students, faculty, staff and community through sustainable practices and policies that minimize health- and environment-damaging effects of our activities. The actions of employees and students - the norm will be a safe bikable, walkable community. Our population fostered by nutrient dense local foods, in an environment that calm, collegial relationships is the foundation for excellence in education and research. Renewable energy used exclusively, with multiple sources of generation using waste streams from university operations. Follow a progressive implementation plan for upgrading existing built infrastructure. Accommodate new methods of transportation and commuting encouraging car pools, bikes, public transport. Ensure that public transport uses renewable fuels.

2. What are the assets we can leverage to accomplish this?

The assets at IUPUI to accomplish this include:

Research and teaching excellence; commitment to linking science to community health and wealth; world class health research engines; link with Purdue University; alumni; location in Indianapolis; environmental and sustainability focus and commitment, friends of the university who support progressive reform in all matters that enhance the viability of Indiana, the United States, and an aim to improve quality of life for all citizens here and overseas.

Talented staff, administrators, faculty, students, and community partners.

An active Office of Sustainability that is laying the groundwork for a sustainable campus.

3. What are the challenges we face?

The challenges we face include:

State government/legislature recognized nationally as often being opposed to progressive policies, even when such policies are supported by the majority of the citizens of Indiana and the United States. Recent expressions in state government of lukewarm support of higher education which dispassionate researchers and policy makers today posit is critical to a 21st
century requiring innovation; entrepreneurial research and design, and workforce that will compete globally; disproportionate influence of corporations on public policy-making, including sustainable energy. Lack of transparency of funding sources of politicians in Indiana and lack of campaign finance reform. Lack of recognition of the massive negative impact state policies that support polluting corporations (coal & other fossil fuels) and those selling lethal products (tobacco) have on Indiana's economy and public health.

Our health science research needs to be expanded and deepened, with increased graduate enrollment across the campus. Our undergraduate programs need to become more selective and focused on excellence in student achievement and teaching. And our sustainability efforts need to permeate every aspect of campus life.

The Office of Sustainability either needs to grow markedly, or develop satellites in individual schools to ensure that the sustainability policies already being developed are implemented and embraced.

Acquiring buy-in, developing measurable metrics, and a focus on saving money vs. "doing the right thing."

Our challenges are different than a traditional campus such as transportation to, from and around campus. District energy contracts vs. self-producing which limits our flexibility in certain building design options. Changing student’s habits seems to be more difficult when they don't live on campus.

A systematic method of communication.

4. Other comments or recommendations:

IUPUI is an application-oriented campus. To the extent practicable, align research thrusts with achieving long-term sustainability goals. Engage State lawmakers to develop programs which reduce barriers to entry of renewable energy projects such as waste gasification, biomass conversion to heat and power, and bio-fuels. Seek federal support for these types of initiatives, and engage students at every step of the way.

IUPUI, IU, and PU need to be much more active in advocating for research and evidence based decision making in Indiana, especially in policy making bodies. Current organization and structure of government at state and national levels is not functioning to address the immense challenges Indiana and the United States faces. What are IUPUI/IU/PU doing to move their research and design knowledge through advocacy to public policy? Staid, passive, "business as usual" university approaches to the above is and will increasingly be deleterious to Hoosiers/the United States/and global communities at a time, unique in history, when we need progressive approaches and critical thinking.
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE 09/21/2012  TIME 2:15 PM – 3:45 PM  LOCATION UL 2115E

CALLED BY Colleen McCormick
FACILITATOR Colleen McCormick
NOTE TAKER Christal English

ATTENDEES Keith Bryan (Office of Sustainability); Lauren Campbell (Student Sustainability Council); Tim Corson (School of Medicine); Jerome Dumortier (SPEA); Deb Ferguson (Office of Sustainability); Gabriel Filippelli (Earth Sciences/Center for Urban Health); Patricia Fox (Engineering and Technology); Stephen Godanis (Student Sustainability Council); Robert Halter (Purchasing); Patty Hollingsworth (Healthy IU); Pierre-Andre Jacinthe (Earth Sciences); John Kamman (Campus Facilities Services); Jane Luzar (Honors College/SPEA); Colleen McCormick (Office of Sustainability); Kevin Mouser (Environmental Health and Safety); Peter Schubert (Lugar Center)

*Denotes an action item

DISCUSSION ITEMS

• President of the Student Sustainability Council (SSC), Stephen Godanis, announced the SSC’s involvement in planning Campus Sustainability Day (CSD) 2012 scheduled for Wednesday, October 24th. Proposed activities for CSD include yoga meditation sessions, a presentation on Kenya outreach endeavors by Professor of Geography, Rick Bein, DIGS service learning projects, Bicycle Garage Indy workshops, and IndyGo workshops on public transportation usage. Other ideas under consideration include a Herron art competition, a film screening, a dumpster dive, e-recycling, and a bike petition. IUPUI’s CSD events may be publicized through www.aashe.org. Stephen additionally provided an update on the summer 2012 partnership between DIGS and Chartwells. As a result of supplying Chartwells with fresh produce from the urban garden, DIGS received approximately $2,000. Stephen indicated that the current mission of SSC leadership is to make the organization one that’s truly sustainable. Like them on facebook! www.facebook.com/SustainIUPUI. SPEA Capstone project on Farmer’s Market Feasibility, could DIGS be a vendor? *Kevin Mouser can assist with identifying regulatory challenges.

• STARS Intern, Keith Bryan, gave a presentation on IUPUI’s involvement in the AASHE endorsed Sustainability Tracking and Rating System (STARS) program https://stars.aashe.org/. STARS is a transparent framework for assessing sustainability in the domains of education/research, operations, and planning/administration. Broad areas of assessment contain numerous subcategories for participating institutions to earn credit. The overall STARS score assigned to an institution is based on an average of scores for the aforementioned areas. Yet the aim of STARS is not to acquire a certain rating (i.e. Platinum, Gold, Silver, or Bronze) but rather to ascertain IUPUI’s current sustainability status. Through his current internship, Keith is seeking to capture baseline data in a manner that is organized, accessible, and applicable. Additional questions about STARS data collection and management may be submitted to keibryan@iupui.edu.

• Colleen McCormick mentioned upcoming Sustainability events: Gardening 104: All About Fall Gardening with Purdue Extension-Marion County educators scheduled for September 25 from 6-8pm, the first IUPUI Events Going Green workshop scheduled for October 18 from 11am-1:30pm, and Campus Sustainability Day scheduled as an all-day event.

• Colleen McCormick discussed the status of current Sustainability policies under review by the Faculty and Staff Councils. Approval of the policies remains pending. *Kevin Mouser will review
the policy on idling and provide pertinent follow-up. Rick Ward will serve as a liaison between the Office of Sustainability and the Faculty Council; he will be meeting with Colleen to discuss the Faculty Council’s comments on the proposed policies. *Colleen will share the Faculty and Staff Councils’ comments with the Steering Committee. *Colleen will also share the proposed policies with the SSC.

- Sustainability subcommittee representatives provided the following updates:
  - **Academic:** Jane Luzar announced that this subcommittee has recently focused discussion on attaining efficient approval for the new SPEA graduate certificate in Urban Sustainability.
  - **Land, Air, and Water:** Kevin Mouser announced that this subcommittee identified a time for a Fall 2012 standing meeting; the subcommittee met on September 21st and subsequent meetings will occur monthly on Fridays at noon. Discussion at the September 21st meeting involved IUPUI greenhouse gas emissions data and the relevance of such data to STARS, plans to move forward on wording changes and implementation for the Land, Air, and Water policies, a pilot project proposed by Ingrid Ritchie on water softening alternatives, enhancing storm water/ground water protections, fluorescent lamp recycling, and the Campus Knozone Action program.
  - **Built Energy and Environment:** John Kamman noted this subcommittee’s involvement in STARS initiatives at IUPUI, indicating that the solar panel installations on the BS/SPEA buildings will aid this process. The Qualified Savings Bond Project involving building upgrades is nearing completion. The hydration stations for Cavanaugh Hall have been ordered. The status of the hydration stations for the BS/SPEA building remains pending; *John will confirm that a request for services has been submitted. It has been proposed that sustainability concerns for new construction projects be documented. *John will consult the University Architect’s Office to verify their current decision-making criteria.
  - **Recycling and Waste Reduction:** On behalf of Rich Strong and Amanda Cecil, Colleen McCormick provided updates for the Recycling and Waste Reduction subcommittee. Approval has been granted for a single-stream recycling program at IUPUI. Tentative plans for the design of an educational campaign for the new recycling system will occur this fall; public promotions are anticipated to begin in the spring. The top priorities of this subcommittee are as follows: the changeover to single-stream recycling, new avenues for recycling, recycling resources, green event promotions, and data-gathering tools for assessing recycling efforts across IUPUI’s campus.
  - **Transportation:** Jerome Dumortier announced this subcommittee’s focus on biking concerns and alternate transportation needs. Specific concerns identified include bike paths on campus, shower/locker room accessibility, promotion of bike routes, pedestrian signage, and the proposed Michigan/New York Street conversions from one-way to two-way. Colleen McCormick noted the potential for a bike hub that includes a locker/shower room and a bike repair station at the new student residence hall. The SPEA Capstone project on transportation patterns is underway. The IUPUI Office of the Registrar has agreed to supply relevant data including student class schedules which can be compared with alternate records on parking and transportation for faculty, staff, and students.
  - **Public Health:** Colleen McCormick announced that this subcommittee has identified its top priorities. These include supporting the work of other subcommittees—namely Built Energy and Environment and Transportation—as well as facilitating research on sustainable living in Indianapolis. Inspiration for this research came as a result of Colleen’s involvement with an Indianapolis City Roundtable reviewing a similar study on making New York City more sustainable for urban residents. John Hazlett from the City of Indianapolis-Sustainability is
participating in the Indianapolis project. Accordingly, a MPH student with a concentration in Epidemiology has been selected to conduct the research. This student will collect survey data on Indianapolis residents’ perceptions of how sustainable they deem local living conditions; the end result will be a paper summarizing the findings as well as a presentation of the findings to a panel of sustainability experts. Ultimately, results of the research will aid in recognizing the sustainable features of Indianapolis in order to market the city as a sustainable place to live.

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:**

- Tobacco Free Task Force: Jane Luzar noted the progress of IUPUI’s Tobacco Free Task Force. IUPUI is now promoting the “breathe easy” logo and has recently increased educational signage across campus. Compliance protocols for faculty, staff, and students are in place. Promotional efforts for the tobacco-free mandates will continue in an effort to educate a large portion of the student population who were absent from campus when initial efforts began during summer 2012; the task force hopes to utilize the involvement of student organizations in such efforts. The task force has identified smoking hot spots on the IUPUI campus and has been collaborating with administrators across campus on tobacco-free enforcement. In promoting the smoke-free policies, particularly to students, a main objective is suggesting cessation resources.

**NEXT MEETING**

Friday, December 14, 2012 at 2:00 PM.
Office of Sustainability Updates

Interns

Deb Ferguson announced the recent hire of Christal English as Communications and Marketing Intern for the Office of Sustainability as well as the recent search process for a second intern to aid with the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS) data collection and analysis. She also discussed current student involvement in the IUPUI Tree Inventory project being conducted in conjunction with Dan Johnson. A total of four students have been employed to work for 12 weeks during summer 2012. Students working on the Tree Inventory are cataloging current tree species across campus in an effort to identify future areas for planting plus designing a Geographic Information Systems database.

Earth Month

235 individuals participated in ToxAway Day. The following hazardous materials were collected at the 2012 event:

- 5465 pounds e-waste collected
- 5300 pounds paint collected
- 2681 pounds HHW collected

Lettuce and onion seedlings were also distributed via this event.

In commemoration of Arbor Day, volunteers from a series of three events planted approximately 40 trees during the month of April.

Pro 100

Pro 100 is a current initiative geared toward getting local high school students 14-19 years of age interested in college. The School of Education is supporting approximately 14 Pro 100 teens to help Developing IUPUI Gardens Sustainably (DIGS) with campus gardening and the Tree Inventory project throughout the month of July.

Gardening Workshops with Purdue Extension
The Gardening 103 workshop was successfully held in June 2012. This event offered participants hands-on experience with planting. A master preservationist is scheduled to expand upon recently issued planting and preservation tips at the next workshop.

**Funding/Awards Received**
The Center for Service & Learning, the Office of Student Employment, the Solution Center, and the Office of Sustainability are each facilitating financial support for student assistance with the Tree Inventory project as well as the Tree U.S.A. application process and DIG gardening management.

The Summer Work Initiative Program and Solution Center are currently funding two IUPUI Sustainability internships per semester.

IUPUI Sustainability has received a Recycling Bin Grant that will enable the receipt of 305 new recycling units; new units will be used to satisfy campus housing, waste-reduction needs.

A new themed residence, the Sustainability House, is scheduled to open fall 2012; the green-themed housing will subsequently support IUPUI Sustainability funding initiatives.

**Sustainability Draft Policies**
Colleen McCormick gave an update on the Faculty and Staff Councils’ reviews of Sustainability’s draft policies. The Staff Council approved current wording but suggested more clarification on two main issues: How sustainability is being communicated across campus and Student compliance with and enforcement for the policies. The Faculty Council further emphasized the need for language that urges stronger enforcement. Steering Committee members proposed the ideas of incorporating more information about current enforcements for policies, attaching policies to contracts for outside constituents, and possibly cooperating with local officials on enforcement. Colleen asked Steering Committee members to consider other potential revisions and submit these to her prior to the next meeting.

**Greening IUPUI Grant**
Deb Ferguson discussed statuses for the nine winning projects of this year’s Greening IUPUI Grant.

University Library (UL) Green Team members are collaborating on the Natives Planting Project. The team will plant native species along the entryway of UL but has delayed action until September in an effort to facilitate plant growth and health.

The Bat Box Project is underway. Informational/educational signage is currently being designed for each of the boxes.

Green Purchasing Project representatives are planning a session in August on best practices for green purchasing. Fiscal officers and purchasing agents from various campus divisions have been invited to attend.

DIGS is furthering their urban gardening efforts by planning an educational session led by Matthew Jose on sustainable agriculture.

Event Management is working to develop best practices for green event planning.
A total of four, new hydration stations are being installed in Cavanaugh Hall.

Sustainability House is currently underway and scheduled to open in fall 2012.

Additional recycling receptacles are being purchased to increase recycling activity outdoors.

The Center for Young Children is developing activities for teaching sustainable practices to the children in their care.

**Subcommittee Updates**

**Academic (Jane Luzar)**
The Academic Committee has held two meetings thus far.

Administrative planning for the Sustainability Certificate is in progress, including requisite courses. SPEA will administer the certificate. It’s anticipated that students will be able to count relevant, previously completed coursework toward the certificate once it becomes an official offering.

IUPUI Sustainability intends to add the undergraduate major in Sustainability Policy/Management to the degree offerings section of its website.

Sustainability House will open fall 2012; the Greening IUPUI Grant is being applied toward both structural and social features of the unit (e.g. landscaping, educational endeavors, etc.). SPEA is additionally facilitating the unit’s green-themed efforts and activities. 25 students have been selected to reside in Sustainability House for the 2012-13 academic terms.

A student group is collaborating on sustainability teaching and research opportunities.

The Academic Committee is collaborating with the SPEA Bridge Program on resources.

A new service project sponsored by the Center for Earth and Environmental Science (CEES) is underway.

Faculty and Staff are currently being sought to participate in a fall 2012 speaker series.

**Land, Air, Water (Pierre-Andre Jacinthe and Kevin Mouser)**
The Land, Air, and Water Committee is in the process of editing and finalizing their respective policies.

The past management policy has been cited for review and revision.

The Sustainability policies/goals for development have been reviewed and deemed appropriate.

Current Land, Water, and Air initiatives include increasing native species on campus, recent legislative tobacco changes, storm-water protection, lamp recycling, and greenhouse gas emission inventory.

The Land, Air, and Water Committee has previously had difficulty coordinating member availabilities. Co-chairs will collaborate with Communications and Marketing to identify a standing date and time for their meetings.
**Built Environment/Energy (Jan Cowan, David Goodman, and John Kamman)**
The Built Environment/Energy Committee needs to review and refine building standards (i.e. make existing standards more stringent).

The Built Environment/Energy Committee has proposed a Qualified Savings Project (i.e. energy conservation measures) that will involve converting air handling systems in certain campus buildings, changing lamps and occupancy sensors, and metering buildings.

LEED certification standards are being enforced for new campus buildings and evaluated for existing buildings.

Campus Facility Services is working with IPL to install solar panels on top of the BS/SPEA building. This will serve as the first installation of renewable energy on the IUPUI campus.

The installation of hydration stations in the BS/SPEA building is pending. Chris Stephens is managing the project. Deb Ferguson will follow up with Chris to facilitate forward movement.

The Recycling/Waste Reduction Committee has held one meeting thus far.

The Recycling/Waste Reduction Committee is currently trying to reach a resolution on IUPUI’s waste removal contract. The main dilemma involves multi-stream versus single-stream. The issue will remain pending until the new contract is signed.

A group of Herron students recently evaluated recycling options for IUPUI and presented a proposal for revamping and redesigning recycling receptacles across campus.

The Recycling/Waste Reduction Committee endorses Event Management’s efforts toward developing green event planning practices.

The Recycling/Waste Reduction Committee is currently examining ways to increase recycling and reduce waste for campus construction projects as well as considering development of a surplus outlet for reusing materials.

The Recycling/Waste Reduction Committee has decided on 18 priorities.

**Transportation (Jerome Dumortier and Rich Strong)**
The Transportation Committee has held two meetings thus far.

The Transportation Committee has decided upon 16 priorities, 6 of which are bike-related. Consequently, Transportation may form a special subgroup for bicycle initiatives.

Current Transportation initiatives include developing a bike-exchange program in collaboration with the city, developing a bike-path plan, developing a zip-car program, promoting mass transit, and developing a shuttle system between IUPUI and IUB. Transportation is still prioritizing its initiatives.
Jeremy McElroy is presenting IUPUI’s Bicycle Friendly University proposal to the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Auxiliary Services.

The city is currently considering a proposal to convert Michigan and New York into two-way streets and to reduce the speed limit to 25 miles per hour.

A transportation management survey is being proposed as a Capstone project for SPEA students to examine residence and parking operations data. Analyses will be used to help determine future transportation improvements for the IUPUI campus.

Public Health (Colleen McCormick and Stephen Jay)
The Public Health Committee met in April 2012; few members attended.

The Public Health Committee has proposed seeking an MPH student to conduct air monitoring for fine particles and has proposed a feasibility study on a campus farmers market as a possible SPEA Capstone project.

The Public Health Committee continues to seek and provide support for DIGS.

Jane Luzar and Gabrielle Bovenzi are overseeing the IUPUI Tobacco Free Task Force; the Public Health Committee is involved in supporting this task force.

NEXT MEETING
September 2012, Date and Time TBA
MEETING MINUTES: IUPUI Sustainability Steering Committee
March 27th, 2012

Present

Office of Sustainability Director’s Report
Colleen and her team provided an overview of current and planned initiatives for the IUPUI Office of Sustainability (IOS).

- The new website went live last week (3/19). The site includes information about IOS initiatives and events. www.sustainability.iupui.edu
- The IOS has hired two new associates: Rachel Smith is handling events and Rachel Ferguson is responsible for marketing and communications.
- April is Earth Month and the IOS has planned a number of events. A list of events may be found at the following link: http://www.iupui.edu/impact/earthmonth/calendar.html.
- IOS is working with IU Communications and various departments to create awareness of Earth Month events.
- Deb Ferguson, IOS Assistant Director, is currently working to get IUPUI registered for STARS (Sustainability Tracking Assessment & Rating System). STARS is a reporting tool through the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) where we can record campus sustainability initiatives and receive a “report card” that compares our programs to other campuses. This will allow us to better gauge our efforts, and to collaborate with and learn from our peers. This system now incorporates the College Sustainability Report Card, which was used previously. Our last report card there graded IUPUI as a C+; however, this was before the creation of a centralized reporting system. Deb anticipates our registration with STARS to be complete within the next couple months.

Subcommittee Updates

Public Health: (Steve Jay & Colleen McCormick) The first Public Health subcommittee meeting is planned for the week of April 1.

Academic: (Jane Luzar, Pat Fox, Pam Martin) Jane reported that she, Pat Fox and Pam Martin met several times and have identified faculty participants for the committee. Upcoming committee initiatives include getting approval for a certificate for sustainability, which will require putting together a portfolio of all sustainability-related courses on campus. SPEA has just received approval for an undergraduate major in sustainability. In addition, a new student residence is being planned, called the Sustainability House. The house will be comprised of 22-25 students who will sign a contract committing to sustainability and the R.A. will develop relevant programming.
Transportation: (Jerome Dumortier & Rich Strong) Rich reports that the committee now has eleven members and thirteen potential issues to address, though they will prioritize these issues to five or six that affect the entire campus. One area is to improve bike ridership, possibly through a bike-sharing project or the creation of shower facilities for bike commuters. Colleen has had discussions with a local bike group, IndyCog, who has also considered the idea of a city-wide bike-share program.

Safety is a primary concern for bicyclists, as well as skateboarders and disabled campus visitors. A designated path is needed for these commuters to get them off New York and Michigan Streets. A suggestion was made that the Transportation Committee coordinate their efforts with the development of the Cultural Trail, which should have a leg on IUPUI’s campus by 2013. It was also noted that a comprehensive campus-wide plan for transportation would be more effective than making changes piecemeal.

Land, Air, Water: (Pierre-Andre Jacinthe & Kevin Mouser) Kevin reported that they are restructuring the committee and will meet in the next couple weeks.

Recycling: (Rich Strong & Amanda Cecil) Rich said that the recycling committee has been struggling with low response from potential members. Once they recruit members, however, they plan to address minimization (bags, handouts, etc.) as well as recycling. A decision should be made in the next couple weeks on a new campus-wide recycling contract that will move us to single stream (all recycling in one receptacle). With this new program, trash should become 10% of waste as opposed to 90% as it has been historically. It is anticipated that the new program will be rolled out in the fall.

Open Discussion

- The new Campus Theater in the Campus Center comes online in April as a venue for events. It has 250 seats and surround sound. If you have events coming up, book early- it is already filling up.
- Colleen has posted sustainability draft policies to Oncourse (https://oncourse.iu.edu/portal). Please review and add comments as soon as possible as Colleen would like to start moving them up through staff and faculty councils for review and approvals.
- A committee met in February to review pre-applications for the Greening IUPUI Grant. Colleen reported that nine have been requested to submit full applications. The group will meet on 3/30 to select fund recipients.
- Jane is the advisor for the Student Sustainability Council, who has been invited by Student Life to put a proposal in place for a Green Fee that would fund campus sustainability projects.
- A question was raised about whether there is a sustainability clause in our current purchasing contracts. Rob confirmed that there is, and Colleen is currently working with Eric Dannenmaier to strengthen it.
- With regard to creating awareness about sustainability, Jane cited the Student Sustainability Council, which umbrellas other groups such as the bike club as a possible student volunteer base. When the Sustainability House is created we will also have those students as a resource. Colleen has been giving quite a few
presentations to both campus and community groups, including Dawn Rhodes’ cabinet and the Irvington Green Committee. In addition, she participated in the Reconnecting our Waterway initiative that met earlier in the month.
Meeting Minutes

IUPUI Sustainability Steering Committee
December 12, 2011

- **Attendees:** David Goodman, Tim Corson, Rob Halter, Pierre-Andre Jacinthe, Jennifer Boehm, Jerome Dumortier, Jan Cowan, Amanda Cecil, Nate Jackson, Patty Hollingsworth, Steve Jay, Matt Groshek, Pam Martin, Jane Luzar, Rich Strong, Pat Fox, Kevin Mouser, John Kamman, Jeff Plawecki, Colleen McCormick

- Rich Strong provided background of how the Office of Sustainability was created
- Colleen McCormick provided an overview of the Office of Sustainability.
  - Committee members were asked to provide comments/suggestions for the Office of Sustainability Vision/Mission statements
  - The office intends to hire four students in the spring semester to work on the following efforts: STARS, marketing/communications, earth month events, and recycling.

- **Sustainability subcommittees and co-chairs include:**
  - Built Environment and Energy/Utility – Jan Cowan, David Goodman, and John Kamman
  - Public Health – Steve Jay and Colleen McCormick (interim)
  - Recycling – Pat Fox and Rich Strong (interim)
  - Transportation – Jerome Dumortier and Rich Strong (interim)
  - Academic (newly created) – Jane Luzar and Pam Martin
  - Subcommittee guidance is posted on the steering committee Oncourse site
    - Each subcommittee is asked to identify three projects/initiatives
    - Suggestions for:
      - Recycling: assist with developing standard message/container (single stream?) and develop Styrofoam collection process
      - Built Environment: assist UAO with LEED certification process for Glick

- A suggestion was made to create a group for discussing cultural changes/behavioral changes on campus which could involve public relations/social media. This group could work with the marketing/communications intern to communicate a vision on where we want to go to. This effort could help in forming vision statement. This group could serve as a mechanism or system to increase communication in new or innovative ways and develop a living organism of things taking place on campus. This group could also look at the challenges of commuter campus which could be similar to retail (Wal-Mart). Please let Colleen McCormick (cj mccorm@iupui.edu) know if you have interest in leading or participating in this effort.

- John Kamman provided an overview of the CFS sustainability committee which consists of CFS staff involved in energy management, parking, grounds, building services, recycling, and renovations.
  - The CFS sustainability committee is seeking approval for a Green Power Purchasing proposal. This proposal is available on the steering committee Oncourse site. The purchase of green power is estimated to cost campus an
additional $22,000 per year based on current power usage. It was suggested to ask staff and faculty to offset their utility usage by $22,000 for campus to participate in this program. This could provide a double benefit with regard to energy reduction and use of green power. This could be promoted as an earth month energy challenge during April. There is a need to educate on the means of energy reduction. The question was raised if any other large IPL customers participate in their program.  

**Action Item: John Kamman will research this with IPL.**  

- The committee supports proposal as long as an educational component is included. Details of the educational aspect need to be worked out, but opposition to the proposal was not voiced.

- Several draft policies (identified below) were presented. Please review the policies and provide comments to Colleen McCormick (cjmeccorm@iupui.edu).
  - Energy
    - Energy Policy would assist in paying for green power. CFS needs support from upper administration to get buy in from faculty and staff for energy conservation. This policy could demonstrate cost savings and show when it is the right thing to do.  
      **Action item: Committee to review policy and prepare for further discussion at next committee meeting.**
    - Information about the Go Green Gadget may be found at this website: [http://kb.iu.edu/data/aygi.html](http://kb.iu.edu/data/aygi.html)
  - Mercury Reduction
  - Integrated Pest Management
  - Vehicle Idling
  - Waste Minimization

- Colleen McCormick will distribute suggestions for powering down electronics over winter break via building coordinators.

- Colleen McCormick will ask Vanessa Richards to assist in promoting the Greening IUPUI Grant

- An Oncourse site (Sustain Steering) has been created for the steering committee. Oncourse may be accessed through the following link: [https://oncourse.iu.edu/portal](https://oncourse.iu.edu/portal). The following items have been posted to the site under the Resources tab:
  - PowerPoint slides of the Office of Sustainability overview
  - Sustainability annual report written by an intern in 2010
  - Draft policies
  - List of steering committee members

- Next meeting: March 2012