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Minutes of the Sustainability and Climate Change Task Force

December 10, 2008 - Milton Hall Room 85

Attendees: Greg Block, Pat Chavez, Bob Czerniak, Tim Darden, Roberta Derlin, Ruby Estrada, Connie Falk, Pat Montoya, Bob Nosbisch, Darrell Pehr, Michael Rickenbaker, Jennifer Villa, Theresa Westbrook, Russell Winn, Joni Newcomer, Ron Fisher, Alma Pacheco, Elena Tsentas, Colleen Boyd, Anne Ayson, Annie Tessar, Mark Uchanski, Orasa Vaught, Sam Menez

1. Approval of Agenda and Minutes of November 12th Meeting

The minutes approved. The minutes/notes of the November 12, 2008 meeting were distributed with no action taken.

2. Update on GHG Inventory

Ben Woods gave the update on Green House Gas inventory. September 15, 2008 was the System-wide submission for the University-based format on GHG, which amounted to 151,000 metric tons, mostly from commuting to campus. The tally was based on the use of area codes and estimated round trips to/from campus.

Grants report submitted 4,008 Metric Tons. Other branch campuses are completing their individual tallies.

3. Update on Sustainability curriculum

Angela Thornberry is working with the Faculty travel forms to incorporate the information needed to account for the GHG due to travel.

4. Talloires Declaration

Interim President Cruzado has indicated that she will sign the Talloires Declaration in January. The Talloires Declaration indicates institutional support for sustainability goals, but has no measurable goals. It is complementary to the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment that NMSU has already signed.

5. Discussion of draft Sustainability Council proposal

Steve Loring presented a proposed reorganization of the Sustainability and Climate Change Task Force, which would separate out working groups for focused areas, with a Sustainability Council to coordinate overall activities. Final format will depend on approval by the President.

6. NMSU Year of Sustainability 2009.

Interim President Cruzado is considering making 2009 the "Year of Sustainability" at NMSU. More information will be available in January.

7. Other

A faculty panel discussion on sustainability in the curriculum is scheduled for 5 February 2009 at 2:30 in the Teaching Academy, Milton Hall room 150.

joni newcomer suggested that all try to make their meeting more “green”, by using both sides of a paper instead of using only one sided copies or by using real mugs instead of paper or styrofoam cups, etc. joni is happy to provide further information on Green Meetings. She can be contacted at 646.7563 or newcomer@nmsu.edu.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00am

Minutes taken by Teri Diaz (AES)