

Energy Task Force Committee  
Wednesday, April 11, 2007 at 7:30 a.m.  
Goddard Hall-Jerry Hall Conference Room

Minutes

Attendees: Tom Bagwell (NMDA), Ellen Bosman (Library), Rick Lobato (OFS), Peter Maud (ED), Robert Nosbisch (U-Comm), Tom Rubadeau (OFS), Angela Throneberry (Auxiliary), Jennifer Villa (ED), John Wiles (Eng/SWTDI), Ben Woods (OFS), Robert Moulton (ED), (Ida Quinones-ED)

1. Call to Order – Robert Moulton

Robert Moulton, Chair, called the meeting of the Energy Task Force committee to order and distributed the membership list for review and changes.

2. Integrated Energy Solutions Proposal – Rick Lobato

Rick Lobato discussed a company called Integrated Energy Solutions, Inc. (ESI), based in Ft. Collins, Colorado, that works with the University of Utah. ESI works with University of Utah administrators, faculty, staff and students in energy conservation. Rick said the key element in energy conservation is changing people's behavior. Rick said ESI has saved the university more than \$800,000 in energy costs. He suggested NMSU representatives visit UofU and ESI to gather information and ideas on energy conservation and maybe working with ESI directly. A possible trip in May was discussed. Bob Nosbisch volunteered to travel with Rick.

3. Committee Reports – Committee Chair

Outreach and Education Subcommittee

Bob Nosbisch (for Steve Loring, Chair) said an article on energy conservation at NMSU would be featured in the Page One May issue. Discussed will be recycling/ compost, O'Donnell Hall, NMSU's electric car and other energy-related issues will be featured throughout the year.

The question was asked as to "why the football field lights are on 24/7?" Ben Woods noted that only four security lamps are on and that during the training season NMSU athletes and trainers are on the field at 5:00 a.m. but that the trainer has to turn on the lights physically. After further discussion, Ben Woods said he would check with the Athletics department to get a consistent answer to this question.

Energy Debt and Space Usage

No report.

Energy Strategies and Conservation

Ben Woods said the university's utility budget was fully loaded for tracking this year. Utility usage was not much higher from the previous year and that we are not on crisis-mode. Ben discussed two projects that he would like to propose for power usage by NMSU. These are: 1) photovoltaics and 2) wind generation. Ben briefed the committee on how photovoltaics energy and wind-power generation are currently being used. To strategically implement these projects into the university's energy conservation programs, Ben asked for a letter of support from this

committee addressed to the Budget Committee, the President, and finally to the Board of Regents to take to the legislature to request funding. Bob Nosbisch volunteered to draft this letter and send to the Energy Task Force members for their review before final approval.

John Wiles (Eng/SWTDI) cautioned the committee on how we promote and endorse these projects since we are behind in this research. John suggested that the projects be endorsed as lab-applied research at NMSU.

Ben also indicated the need for a formal energy policy statement. It was noted that adopting a “formal policy for energy sustainability for the university” would need to be thoroughly researched. A suggestion was to review energy policy statements from other universities. This was tabled for further discussion (agenda item). Jennifer Villa (ED) who is working on the NMSU energy website, noted she would need content for the website from the committee and a policy statement would be a good thing to have.

Ben Woods said he wanted to complement the university on their recycle project and asked that Pat Montoya make a presentation to this committee in the near future.

#### 4. Comments & Meeting Dates – Ben Woods

The Energy Task Force committee meets on the second Wednesday of each month but does not usually meet in the summer. The committee did agree to meet in mid-June. Date and time to be determined.

#### 5. Other Info. Items

With no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Ida Quinones, Assistant to the Dean, College of Education.