

**Sustainability and Climate Change Task Force**  
**August 15, 2007 at 8:30 a.m.**  
**Milton Hall Room 85**

**Minutes**

**Attendees:** Tom Bagwell (NMDA), Greg Block (Auxiliary), Jennifer Hiatt (Student Success & Retention), Rick Lobato (OFS), Peter Maud (ED), Steve Loring (AES), Robert Nosbisch (U-Comm), Tom Rubadeau (OFS), John Wiles (Eng/SWTDI), Ben Woods (SVP), (Ida Quinones-ED)

**Others:** Lindsey Bilovesky (ASNMSU), Barry Law (OFS), Steve McCarty (OFS), Pat Montoya (OFS), Michael Rickenbaker (Facil Plng & Const), Kathy Reddington (DABCC), Jason Wyatt (ED)

1. Call to Order

SVP Ben Woods called the meeting of the Sustainability and Climate Change Task Force to order and welcomed the off-campus academic components—Alamogordo, Carlsbad, and Grants—participating. This meeting was telecast to the NMSU academic components by video conferencing to insure all members of the NMSU system participate in this task force and its commitment to address the university's commitment to address global warning.

2. Minutes of the June 21, 2007 were presented for approval. SVP Ben Woods requested that meeting agendas and minutes be put on NMSU's energy website 24 hours prior each task force meeting. Members should print these and bring to meeting. This will reduce the amount of paper being used.

3. SVP Ben Woods presented an overview of NMSU's commitment with the American College and University's President Climate Commitment which is a high-visibility effort to address global warning. The university has already taken some actions to move toward climate neutrality. These are:

- Re-established the Energy Task Force as the Sustainability and Climate Change Task Force and charged the committee with the task of leading the effort to create the comprehensive plan,
- Committed all new construction and major remodeling projects to meet the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED Silver standard or equivalent,
- Committed to encouraging use of public transportation on campus for students, staff, and faculty through the Aggie Shuttle service, and
- Committed to seeking ways to provide energy through renewable sources such as wind, solar, and geothermal resources.

4. Mr. Pat Montoya, Associate Manager, OFS Grounds, presented on NMSU's Las Cruces campus recycling program. Mr. Montoya said that more xerescaping was expected for the campus in the future.

5. Mr. Barry Law, Director, Transportation Services, presented on NMSU's Las Cruces

campus fleet and fuels management. Mr. Law said the new shuttle—the Aggie Shuttle – was operating from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. from the Pan Am Center. Mr. Law explained the terms “ecological footprint” versus “carbon footprint.” Mr. Law said, “there is no one technology that is best -- “no one shoe fits all.”

6. Ms. Lindsey Bilovesky, ASNMSU Government Relations, distributed a hardcopy of her presentation on ASNMSU’s student involvement and sustainability initiatives. Ms. Bilovesky asked committee members to share ideas and give recommendations to ASNMSU on how students can get involved in the sustainability and climate change commitment.

7. Information Items

SVP Ben Woods shared some informational items with the task force and also shared several web sites on sustainability and climate change. These sites will be put on NMSU’s energy web site.

With no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

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