

Sustainability and Climate Change Task Force
October 10, 2007 at 8:15 a.m.
Milton Hall Room 85

Draft Minutes

Attendees: Stephen Arnold (H&SS-for Larry Olsen), Tom Bagwell (NMDA), Lindsey Bilovesky (ASNMSU-for Marisa Ortega), Greg Block (Auxiliary), Andy Burke (DABCC), Jennifer Hiatt (Student Success & Retention), Barry Law (OFS), Rick Lobato (OFS), Steve Loring (AES), Pat Montoya (OFS), Robert Nosbisch (U-Comm), Kathy Reddington (DABCC), Michael Rickenbaker (Facil Plng & Const), Tom Rubadeau (OFS), Tony Salinas (Alamogordo), Jennifer Villa (ED), Jason Wyatt (ED), Ben Woods (SVP), (Ida Quinones-ED)

1. Call to Order

SVP Ben Woods called the meeting of the Sustainability and Climate Change Task Force to order. The 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. Approval of Minutes-15 August 2007

Minutes of the August 15, 2007 meeting were approved as presented. The minutes and agenda will be posted on the NMSU's energy task force web page to reduce the amount of paper being distributed.

3. Presentation of ACUPCC Implementation Guide

SVP Ben Woods briefed the task force members on NMSU's commitment with the American College and University's President Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) Implementation Guide. Mr. Woods reviewed the scope of work and tangible actions to be taken, the greenhouse reporting protocols, the greenhouse emission inventory, and purchasing Energy Star certified products. The link to NMSU's energy webpage where the ACUPCC Implementation Guide can be found is: <http://www.nmsu.edu/~energy/docs.html>

Mr. Woods said the university is taking actions to move toward climate neutrality and said some highpoints in the implementation process are:

- All new construction and major remodeling projects to meet the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED Silver standard or equivalent,
- Use of public transportation on campus for students, staff, and faculty through the Aggie Shuttle service,
- Seeking ways to provide energy through renewable sources such as wind, solar, and geothermal resources, and
- ASNMSU's and student-wide involvement in the recycling program.

Mr. Woods briefed the task force on the Climate Action Plan. The plan should include the institution's educational, research, and community outreach efforts for becoming climate neutral. The climate action plan should be in the form of a brief summary report that is comprehensible and accessible to the general public. After further discussion, Dr. Moulton asked, "How do we make it happen?" It was the consensus of the members that a subcommittee be formed to further

explore and address actions needing to be taken. Volunteering for the subcommittee were: Steve Loring, Rick Lobato, Barry Law, and Michael Rickenbaker.

4. Presentation on Clean Air Cool Planet Emissions Inventory Process

Ben Woods briefed the task force on the Clean Air Cool Planet Emissions Inventory Process and the steps toward achieving “zero emissions.” This inventory needs to be completed by September 15, 2008.

Steve Loring, Chair of the Outreach & Education subcommittee, gave an update on the progress and activities of this subcommittee.

Robert Nosbisch, of University Communications, invited task force members to do news talks on NMSU’s commitment in addressing global warning and advertising our efforts and activities.

Michael Rickenbaker, Facilities Planning. & Construction, briefed the task force on the USGBC-Chihuahuan Desert Organizing Group. USBC is a community of leaders working to transform the way building and communities are designed, built, and operated. Mr. Rickenbaker said the Las Cruces and El Paso chapter usually meet in El Paso and suggested that NMSU host a chapter meeting to encourage involvement in programs and joint efforts.

5. Information Items

SVP Ben Woods shared informational and newspaper articles relating to sustainability and climate change and global warning.

With no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

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