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Minutes of the Sustainability and Climate Change Task Force

October 8, 2008 - Milton Hall Room 85

Attendees: Greg Block (Auxillary), Connie Falk (AGECON), Darrell Pehr (U-Comm), Michael Rickenbaker (Facil. Plang & Const.), Jennifer Villa (ED), Jason Wyatt (ED)

Guest: Joe Pfiffer (Faculty Senate)

1. Call to order

Steve Loring called the October 8, 2008 meeting of the Sustainability and Climate Change Task Force to order at 8:32am.

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes of the September 10, 2008 Meeting

The agenda was approved. The minutes/notes of the September 10, 2008 meeting were distributed with no action taken, with Connie Falk later correcting the minutes and requested to have the travel miles discussion added to the minutes. Corrected minutes will be sent out to the committee.

3. Update on report status.

Steve announced 157 thousand metric tons of emission were caused by commuting to campus and 80 thousand metric tons were from students commuters.

NMSU has to separate the report by campuses individually, not all together.

Jennifer Villa (ED) mentioned that Ben Woods had mentioned at the last meeting that NMSU might be able to hire a firm to assess reports. More information will need to be gathered to be considered.

4. Update on educational and outreach activities/Increasing student, faculty and staff involvement.

Steve Loring has reserved time with the Teaching Academy on February 5th for a panel with faculty to get input on raising awareness and add in the education and outreach activities and increasing student, faculty, and staff awareness. Also, Steve announced the web cast campus sustainability day October 22nd 12:00-1:30MT held at Milton Hall Room 85. Climate change for Students, Faculty and staff with Andrew Refkin and Richard Moss. Mediated by NY Times. Steve will contact ASNMSU for assistance in involving more students in the effort of this committee. OFS has been installing more bike racks around campus so that the students that are riding their bikes to campus can chain their bikes to racks and not damaging the trees on campus. Also, the committee needs to get together and possibly start a news letter to go out the entire campus to raise awareness and involvement. Joe Pfiffer, Faculty Senate President, asked Steve Loring to attend the next faculty senate meeting dated November 6th at 4:00pm to try to add in recruiting more interest in the Sustainability and Climate Change Task Force.

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5. Other.

Connie Falk requested the minutes from the September meeting be corrected and added back in the topic of the tracking the travel miles. Michael Rickenbaker added that there is currently no tracking system for that or any personal to keep track or report them. Further discussion regarding this matter will be taken into consideration after more research and talking with Jennifer Taylor as to whom this would fall under.

Connie Falk also reported the OASIS Club meeting with President Waded Cruzado will be taking place this afternoon (10/8/08) and Steve Loring will be at that meeting as well. She also added the possibility of a Methodology World Café to get more people involved.

It was also announced that Milton Hall Room 85 has the capability to receive conference calls for those out of town or not able to physically be at this meeting.

Steve announced the next meeting will be November 12, 2008 at 8:30am at Milton Hall Room 85.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:06am

Minutes taken by Teri Diaz (AES)