

Senate Sustainability Committee

Committee Meeting Minutes: February 16, 2012

General Classroom Building, Room 718

Attending: David Caudill, Dabney Dixon, Jeffrey Glover, Steve Harmon, Brenna Helmstutler, Jerry Rackliffe, Vjollca Sadiraj

Visiting: Michael Black, Marlena Parker, Michele Ritan

Business:

1. The committee approved of the minutes from the January 19, 2012 meeting.
2. The committee held a conference call with Mike Mercer of the Northwest Earth Institute. Mr. Mercer spoke with the committee about a number of discussion courses produced by the Institute that could be used in existing GSU courses that focus on environmental issues.
3. Michele Ritan, Development Writer for Corporate and Foundation Relations at GSU, spoke with the committee about the possibility of raising money for campus sustainability efforts. The committee asked a number of questions related to the raising of funds. Mrs. Ritan will be looking for opportunities and will meet with the committee again in the future.
4. Dabney Dixon updated the committee on the agenda for future meetings which will include hearing from the advisors from environmentally focused majors and the director of PantherDining.
5. Dabney Dixon was asked by the committee to speak briefly on Sustainability Center at Perimeter College which recently opened. Questions related to the funding of the center were raised by the committee.
6. The committee also asked Dabney Dixon to give an update on the status of the committee's formal request for a Campus Sustainability Director. The request has been submitted but is still in process.