

# Senate Sustainability Committee

Committee Meeting Minutes: September 24, 2013

Suite 460, 10 Park Place

**Attending:** Nedda Ahmed, Heidi Denzel, Stephen Rosner, Vjollca Sadiraj, Ellen Taylor, Bethany Turner-Livermore

**Visiting:** Michael Black, Jeffrey Glover

## **Business:**

1. New Committee members were welcomed and introductions were made.
2. Michael Black spoke about the university administration's investment in creating a Sustainability Office despite cuts in university budget and outlined what it entails:
  - a. Interim Sustainability Director Patti Stilson (part-time responsibility)
  - b. Sustainability Coordinator Jenni Asman, who will start Oct. 21 (full-time)
  - c. Recycling Coordinator (full-time)
  - d. Faculty Associate Michael Black (part-time responsibility)
  - e. 2 GRAs
  - f. 2 undergraduate interns
3. Stephen Rosner made a report from Staff Council:
  - a. T-shirts with "Please Recycle" on them are being given to building services staff to wear on Fridays.
  - b. The "Caught Green Handed" program is continuing with incentives to students seen recycling.
4. All members took a brief tour of the new Sustainability Office suite.
5. The committee brainstormed some major topics that it felt should be areas of focus for long term sustainability goals.
  - a. Electricity: There were suggestions of competitions for electric use reduction in buildings. Computers and peripherals being left on were discussed. Nedda Ahmed will talk to Digital Libraries Services about what they do for their computer labs on evenings and weekends and get back to the committee next time since we know those labs have a large number of computers and peripherals.
  - b. Recycling: There was a suggestion of uniformity of recycling across campus so it all looks the same and can be easily found, but then a contrary view that if it goes to central, the bins should be a very nice design, or in some cases fit with the building style (e.g. with the new Law School building or the bins that College of Ed is purchasing to fit better with the decor of their building).