

CER Minutes
May 5, 2008

Present: Holly Guerney, David Das, Susan Murphy, Julie Rosenbach, Sarah Potter, Camille Parrish, Peter Andersen, Marianne Cohen

First Year Book:

Michael Pollen is coming to Bates so it makes sense to have first year's read his books during the summer.

What do we do with the book? During orientation? Small or large groups throughout the year in conjunction with the Dining celebration?

Which book by Pollen? Can we choose one or do we want to offer them a selection and have them read one?

Holly can't promise to have first year seminar faculty bring the book into their course. That is why they have moved to a more general campus conversation.

There was a conversation about whether to focus on one author or more authors around local foods?

Is there an article that Pollen has written that we could have them all read?

We have time to build a structure for using this book or conversation during the year, as well as look for articles.

The letter for first year students goes out the end of July or early August.

Idea: Have one dinner through orientation when they are eating with JA's and AESOP leaders where there is only local food with local farmers panel. Use historic LA recipes. Need a good moderator to keep the discussion going?

Can we borrow Lots to Gardens costumes?

Connect articles to the Sustainability website.

Give the students a choice of books and articles.

Date: August 31, Sunday Brunch some time between 12-2.

Send resources to Holly.

Julie:

Climate Neutral Action Plan: 3 to 4 weeks left. Each subgroup should have a few ideas and basic analysis before the end of the academic year. John and Julie will put together a draft during the summer.

Hedge and Roger Bill report- The Project Steering Committee will have 2 meetings this summer and then 2 meetings in the fall with charettes, etc.

4 goals for these buildings: net zero energy (heating and lighting), 30% water reduction, 50% energy reduction, no toxic materials.

Is everyone comfortable with these goals?

Energy generation on-site: Wind Power or Solar. The goals will be written into the contract. If the goals change, we would have to pay them to redesign the building.

What are the goals of the project in lieu of the LEED checklist? There followed a discussion about carbon neutrality and net zero as goals. So net zero should be in the

front end of the contract. CER can reach a decision about ability to reach net zero once we receive more information from JSA with regard to how much PV we would need, what the payback would be, etc.

Announcements: Van pool is up and running and people are very happy with that.
Wellness Fair: Tuesday, May 13th, 11-5. Julie will be there all day and focus on commute another way. Julie has also added some items for the raffle.
Is there a way to purchase a push mower for campus? Implementation is the problem for Grounds. Marianne may be able to get one for the Wellness Fair.

Christine: 4 new chairs in Commons have already broken. Imported from Italy.