

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

December 11, 2012

Attendees: Mia Casey, Scott Lankford, Frank Nunez, Chris White, Hilda Fernandez

Guests: Mary Etta Eaton, John Kulusich, Clarence, Jackson Miley

1. Student Presentation on Hydropower:

Students John and Clarence, from Mary Etta Eaton's Communications class (part of the Sustainable Learning Community) shared a prezi style presentation with the Sustainability Committee. Their topic was on hydropower, and they talked about the potential, where it is being utilized, the environmental issues surrounding it, and new advances such as tidal power.

Student Jackson Miley, who happened to also be in another of the Communications classes that are participating in the Energy theme this year, gave us a brief description of his groups topic, which was a discussion on the electric car, and whether it was better or worse for the environment. Their conclusion was surprising, in that after viewing the environmental damage caused by the production of lithium batteries, they felt that the electric car was not a good environmental choice.

2 Updates on Initiatives:

Sustainable Learning – Hilda Fernandez & Scott Lankford talked about the learning community, and how their classes had been doing with the theme this year. Hilda indicated that they had not gotten into the topic too heavily fall quarter, but that she has some plans to integrate the theme more into her winter courses. Scott talked about Native American Heritage Month and how pleased he was at how it came together, and being able to tie the learning community/energy topic into the activities through the Power Paths movie showed.

GHG Report Update – Mia indicated that with the help of Bob, Frank and Steve Schmidt, they are slowly gathering data to put into the report.

District Update – Frank talked about things happening on campus and in the district. Mentioned the PSEC and the new Hydration Station for filling water bottles. This will also be installed at other places on campus.