

LEC Meeting, Oct. 22, 2019

Attending: Scout C., Lisa L. (notes), Eric T., Susan K., Loretta C., Stephanie P., Joe S., Amy B.,
Laura Y., Katie S., Jonah M.

Regrets: Sruthin G.

1. Presentation: MSU Sustainability in Motion (from Amy, Laura, and Katie with the Office of Sustainability)
 - a. LEC an “action team” under MSU sustainability planning
 - b. Sustainability at MSU components: “4 C’s” (curriculum, culture, community, culture)
 - c. Sustainability efforts apply to all students and majors: all grads will face questions of climate change, environment, diversity and inclusion in their work ahead.
 - d. Office of Sustainability has 3 full-time employees and also works with Sustainable Relationship Managers who are embedded with departments across campus
 - e. Developing a Sustainable Leadership Council to oversee strategic planning process
 - i. Includes student group, faculty advisory group, and action teams
 - f. Sustainability planning process will inform Pres. Stanley’s University Strategic Planning
 - i. Sustainability planning process informed by campus master plan, diversity plan, tree management plan, energy transition plan, division strategic plans, and college strategic plans
 - ii. This is an iterative process, welcome feedback
 - g. Action teams charged with examining a topic and drafting recommended goals and tactics for sustainability planning
 - i. 6-12 month process
 1. Initial meeting, evaluate current state, identify areas for moving forward, explore potential goals/tactics, develop a matrix of potential goals, then bring to Sustainability Leadership Council, transition to implementation plan
 - h. Sustainability Leadership Council charged with strategic goal setting/planning/metrics, framing policy for sustainable actions, guiding action teams, serving as sustainability ambassadors, and refining vision, mission, and value statement for university sustainability
 - i. Have looked at other universities’ sustainability plans, North Carolina State University has been particularly helpful (also a large agricultural land grant university)
 - j. Benchmarking project to see how higher ed facilities incorporate library sustainability
 - i. Interacted with the GreenSchools listserv
 - ii. Findings: libraries have created LibGuides on sustainability (varying degrees of depth and detail), University of Massachusetts has a

Sustainability Curriculum Fellowship run through the library (professional development grant) and a student showcase for sustainability research, Rice University have Fondren Fellows (program in the library, students have a library employee mentor, last year's fellow worked on a sustainability plan for the library), AASHE has a campus sustainability hub (resources for universities, not just libraries)

- iii. Recommendations for MSUL: mentors for student research projects on sustainability, develop a library sustainability plan (addressing energy, materials, recycling)
 - k. Benchmarking project on open access
 - i. Looked at open access-related initiatives and programs in Big Ten Universities that received high scores for open access metrics with Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) and Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS)
 - 1. AASHE STARS information: <https://stars.aashe.org/>
 - 2. AASHE looks at sustainability in terms of environmental issues but also includes broad social issues like research, social equity, access to information, etc.
 - ii. Recommendations for MSUL: adopt an Open Access Resolution, establish repositories, establish an open access fund
 - 1. Discussion about the complexities of supporting open access in the library and on campus (barriers to structural change, existing efforts at MSUL, etc.)
 - l. LEC as an action team
 - i. Keep in touch with the Office of Sustainability about what resources LEC needs and whether they can put us in touch with other groups on campus as needed
 - 1. Email Laura and Amy
 - ii. Process is still somewhat evolving, welcome feedback
2. Follow-up items from last meeting:
- a. Glass recycling
 - i. Revisit in November meeting
 - b. Vegan Day (Nov. 1) and Recycling Day (Nov. 15)
 - i. Revisit in November meeting
3. New items
- a. What's up with compost bins
 - i. Revisit in November meeting