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**President’s Council on Sustainability**

Meeting of January 13, 2022

Present: Pamela Grothe, Sean Morrow, Jeremy Larochelle, Kylie Jackson, Alan Griffith, Caroline Mowdy, Michael Reno, Kevin Caffrey, Ava Spencer, Sarah Kerner, Brianna Cornett, Melody Zeher, Grace Bonaccorsy, Curtis Kasiski, Eric Bonds, Jay Sullivan, Mary Becelia, Melanie Szulczewksi, Brian Ogle

Members not in attendance: Swati Agrawal, Mehdi Aminrazavi, Jill Hyman, Michael Morley

Meeting Recording:

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Meeting began at 4:00PM.

* **Introductions**

Co-chairs Pamela Grothe, Kevin Caffrey, and Ava Spencer and new Sustainability Coordinator, Sean Morrow gave introductions

* **Reviewed PCS Constitution**

Sean shared his screen and reviewed the [PCS constitution and bylaws](https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Ascds%3AUS%3Abc9b8a94-a0cf-4e62-9386-7e8f74aa8e8f#pageNum=5). He emphasized duties of members specifically and the overarching goals of the PCS. One action item for this semester will be to review/update the PCS constitution and bylaws.

* **Reviewed Semester Meeting Schedule**

The meeting schedule for the rest of the semester is the following - Wednesday, 2/9 – 3pm, Thursday, Mar. 10 – 4pm, and Wednesday, Apr. 13 – 3pm.

* **Other Business**

Pamela Grothe reviewed over the 2030 Fredericksburg City Climate Vision. She asked the PCS for help with design and hosting on webspace. Eric asked if PCS could co-sponsor and host conversations around the main sections of the document.

Brianna Cornett mentioned the Green Interest Meeting for Sodexo. The meeting will talk about food recovery network, can construction event, weekly weigh waste event. The meeting is next week Wed. 5-6 in the Maple Room at the top of UC. Brianna will share the invitation link with Sean to share with the council.

Sean Morrow gave an overview of the Office of Sustainability. There are three new interns - Ava Spencer – Green Events Intern, Grace – Social Media, and Pam Daniels – Gardens and Grounds intern. He talked about a collaborative meeting to bring all the green groups together on campus.

Alan Griffith mentioned updating the greenspaces maps on campus with the campus gardens.

Mary B. brought up a student not selected for one of the internships and added we should send a message out those students not selected how they still may be able to get involved and help.

Jay Sullivan mentioned Alan will need to update greenspace with destruction of Alvey. He also said the new City Council for UMW district is interested in helping out with our sustainability. Also, Dr. Paino wants to boast up sustainability.

Meeting ended at approximately 4:40pm.

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Meeting of February 9, 2022

Present: Kevin Caffrey, Sean Morrow Pam Daniels, Caroline Mowdy, Michael Reno, Mary Becelia, Eric Bonds, Sarah Kerner, Pamela Grothe, Kylie Jackson, Brianna Cornett, Melanie Szulczewski, Jeremy Larochelle, Jill Hyman, Grace Bonaccorsy, Swati Agrawal, Melody Zeher, Brian Ogle, Ava Spencer, Alan Griffith

Members not in attendance: Jay Sullivan, Curtis Kasiski, Michael Morley

Meeting started approximately at 3:02

* **Introductions**

Kevin led introductions throughout the PCS, allowed all members to introduce themselves

* **Climate Action Plan Nominations:** 
  + Dr Paino has asked the PCS to make 3-4 nominations of members to join a task force aimed at developing a Climate Action Plan
  + Dr. Grothe touched on the PCS’s past experience in writing a plan, compare it to the difference now (more administrative support – difficult budget).
  + The council has nominated: Michael Reno, Pam Grothe, Eric Bonds, John Tippet, Alan Griffith, Jay Sullivan
    - Poll to vote on nominations (please submit your vote before 12:00 pm this Friday, 2/10): <https://doodle.com/poll/d3qvb7xm582bh7g6?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link>
* **FXBG Environmental Roundtable Project Proposal** 
  + Environmental Roundtable is looking for a UMW representative to take on the creation of an environmental organization database
  + Project leader will be assisted by Environmental Roundtable and Office of Sustainability with a timeline goal of Earth Day
  + Anyone interested can email Sean ([smorrow2@umw.edu](mailto:smorrow2@umw.edu)) for more info
* **Fredericksburg Climate Vision**
  + Looking for PCS collaboration in writing a working vision for sustainability in the City of Fredericksburg
    - PCS has agreed on support towards this document. Eric will update the council on next steps.
* **Constitution and Bylaws Sub-Committee**
  + Looking to put together subcommittee to update our constitution and bylaws. Kevin has offered to head this effort. Melanie Szulczewski and Sarah Kerner have volunteered to join.
* **Website Update**
  + Sean has begun to update info on the [PCS webpage](https://sustainability.umw.edu/pcs/). Updated minutes will be posted there. Suggestions for improvement are welcome.

**Events:**

* This Saturday (10am-1pm) Kylie Jackson and EAA will be leading a community cleanup on campus to focus on litter and downed tree branches.
  + Registration: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CAFAD28A5F9C61-campus1>
* Center for Community Engagement and Center for Career & Professional Development are hosting a non-profit job fair February 17th from 11-2 in the UC Front Lobby
* First pollinator garden volunteer event, this Saturday (2/12) from 12:00 – 2:00.
  + Registration: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScWXklTuYwc8N0sWA1dekRaFmAzvyQOtlPHeRT9kTKdd4st0A/viewform?usp=sf_link>
* Dining is looking for volunteers for UMW’s Canstruction team. Deadline to apply is Friday, 2/11. Contact Brianna Cornett for more details
* Friends of the Rappahannock will be hosting Wild & Scenic Festival at UMW this April

Meeting adjourned around 3:50

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Meeting of March 10, 2022

Members Present: Pam Grothe, Kevin Caffrey, Jay Sullivan, Sarah Kerner, Grace Bonaccorsy, Jill Hyman, Ava Spencer, Sean Morrow, Curtis Kasiski, Michael Reno, Swati Agrawal, Brian Ogle, Alan Griffith, Holly Chichester, Melanie Szulczewski, Jeremy Larochellle

Members Absent: Eric Bonds, Mary Becelia, Brianna Cornett, Pam Daniels, Michael Morley

Guests Present: Ali Gauch Hieber

Meeting began at 4:02PM.

* **Introductions/Background**

Ali Hiebert is a guest speaker; brief introductions took place. Sean Morrow introduced her and her work for UMW’s strategic vision.

* **Ali Hieber Introductions and Updates**
  + President Paino has asked for an update on the strategic vision. Ali is working on service, community and civic engagement action step 1.4 (Investing in hope for our future 2.0)
    - Promotes stewardship with the campus and reducing carbon footprint. Enhancing visibility and reputation of the campus as a “green” campus is also a key goal for this vision.
    - Our “report card” shows the pollinator gardens and no mow zones as completed (although discussion of better signage is happening), Bee hotels and Bluebird trails are classified as in progress and an action plan for reducing our carbon footprint is classified as ongoing.
    - Another goal is to achieve LEED silver standards for the buildings on campus (Randolph and Mason already have gold standards)
  + New Ideas – presidential commission to develop a climate action plan, collaboration with city of Fredericksburg on a climate vision, better community bonds, educating the community about sustainability, carbon offsets, increase access to transportation

PCS Members please offer feedback, information and suggestions on updated vision by March 21

* **Carbon Reduction task force**
* In early February president Paino and members of the council decided on a carbon reduction task force. Members were nominated and are listed below. The PCS can be an advisor and support for this council.
  + Pamela Grothe, Eric Bonds, John Tippet, and Alan Griffith, Jay Sullivan
  + Sean Morrow will also serve
* **Constitution and Bylaws**
* Kevin Caffrey gave an update on the written constitution and Bylaws changes.
  + The statement of community values now includes “Aspire”.
  + The documents general pronouns were updated for inclusivity.
  + Statement of Purpose has been updated to clarify that the PCS is an advisory council but also actively engaging in actions.
  + The purpose was updated to participate on campus as well as in the Fredericksburg community.
  + Internal review every 3 years have been reclarified.
  + Member duties were clarified - chairs will create subcommittees to focus on annual goals and members can participate in projects run by those sub-committees.

A UMW Peer Group Evaluation is in consideration. It was suggested that the Office of Sustainability interns lead student group evaluations. It was also suggested that the time between evaluations be shortened from 4 years to potentially 2. The addition of sub-committees may support these evaluations.

The Co-chairs encouraged PCS member to review the constitution’s changes and offer feedback/thought to a “Peer Group Evaluation”. This will be a priority discussion next meeting.

* **Earth Day Eco Carnival**

UMW Eco Carnival is being held on April 22 between 12:00Pm and 3:30 PM on the Beach and parts of campus walk. The event will have vendors clubs and other organizational as well as carnival games and food. We hope to make this event a good opportunity for students to get out and involved on campus.

Next Meeting – Wednesday April 13, 2022 3:00PM

Meeting ended at approximately 4:58PM.

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Meeting of April 13, 2022

Members Present: Pam Grothe, Sean Morrow, Brian Ogle, Kevin Caffrey, Jay Sullivan, Eric Bonds, Sarah Kerner, Michael Reno, Mary Becelia, Melanie Szulczewski, Brianna Cornett, Curtis Kasiski, Ava Spencer, Jeremy Larochellle

Members Absent: Pam Daniels, Michael Morley, Grace Bonaccorsy, Jill Hyman, Swati Agrawal, Alan Griffith, Holly Chichester, Kylie Jackson, Carline Mowdy, Melody Zeher

Meeting began at 3:05 PM

* **PCS Constitution and Bylaws**
  + Link to draft - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1AIHsMU_-u4ISG6foIZ6s-VmWCLxPiLex/edit>
  + Kevin said no more updates on the constitution since last meeting
  + Sean highlighted and reviewed the UMW Peer-Group Sustainability Evaluation changes
  + Melanie brought up that every two years is too short so Jay suggested the review every 3 years
  + Eric brought up he was happy to lead the review and that it didn’t need to fall on just the co-chairs
  + Michael suggested changing the wording to “At least evert 3 years” to give us more flexibility
  + Sean suggested we begin next semester
  + Sean clarified that the every 3 years is just for the evaluation but we will continue to monitor progress continually
  + Kevin will send it out for one last review before finalizing it
* **Next Year’s Focus**
  + Sean asked for new goals for next year
  + Eric brought up Governor’s Executive Order 77 to rescind the elimination of single use plastic. UMW will continue no single use plastic and we should thank the administration for making a good decision to continue no single use plastic. Sean brought up that it (and Executive Order 17) will add opportunity to focusing on recycling more. Mary brought up that we are still in the “phasing out” stage, using up our inventory. Sean clarified there will be no more purchasing of single use plastic. Michael volunteered to write a thank you letter and Eric mentioned as faculty we should have academic freedom and shouldn’t be worried about politics.
  + Brian wants better awareness across staff population, bringing some of the amazing sustainability efforts in the classroom out more publicly for more awareness; also awareness of structural issues. Sean agreed the Office of Sustainability is looking forward to working on this and bringing more educational/speaker events.
  + Brianna suggested PCS should advertise what we do to get more students involved.
  + Mary asked if PCS should be out more, for example, representing at Earth Day
  + Kevin is interested in focusing on being more open as a committee
  + Eric wants to continue the conversation about food composting. Sean mentioned some challenges are transparency for making progress. Melanie clarified that we are very open about what we do and it’s more about students not receiving the message.
* **Speakers for Next Year**
  + Sean asked for speaker ideas for next year
  + Eric mentioned that Sean and the Fredericksburg Sustainability manager could be on a panel about careers in sustainability jobs
  + Sean brought up bringing someone in from the city for discussing city renewable energy projects
  + Melanie brought up these could be events and not just additions to our meeting
  + Brian brought up a specific event with pollinators and Melanie brought up bees and Curtis doing an event. Curtis expanded that UMW has had challenges with our bee hives and we need to put more focus on them going forward. Sarah said PCS could partner with Bee Club to do an event.
* **Update from Climate Action Task Force**
  + Sean gave an overview of the climate task force. They’ve had two meeting. Sean and Jay met with a representative at George Mason to learn about creating a greenhouse inventory for UMW.
* **Update on Fredericksburg Climate Vision**
  + Eric said there are no updates but this will be a priority over the summer. We have almost all the contributions and plan to have it ready next year to organize community conversations.
* **Earth Week Final Update**
  + Ava reviewed Earth Day. It’s Friday 4/22 12-3:30. They still need volunteers and suggested we ask students in our classes. Total of 22 different groups will be there, there will be games, raffles and prizes. There will be vegan food options and book mobile.
  + Sean went over the week full of events.
    - Tuesday – Yoga in pollinator garden
    - Wednesday – Arbor Day tree planting
    - Thursday – Partner with campus programs and showing Lorax
    - Saturday – will be at city Earth Day and helping promote COAR’s event
* **Last business**
  + Jay wants Sean to remind Dr. Paino for the city contact on the Carbon Reduction Task Force

Meeting ended at approximately – 3:47 PM