

Values Commitment Steering Team - Minutes

10/30/14

Recording Secretary: Joshua Rust

Team members in attendance are Bob Sitler, Joshua Rust, Michael Branton, Savannah-Jane Griffin, Leila Roach, and Colleen Price

Environmental Recommendations

Note that suggestions copied refer to an older version

1. Create a University Environmental Stewardship Workgroup with broad representation of the campus community including: Faculty, Students, enrollment management, finance, marketing, facilities management etc.

Josh: how would this group fit into Stetson's administrative structure?

Bob: maybe the Environmental Stewardship Workgroup would be akin to the Diversity Workgroup.

Michael: it could be a standing subcommittee of the Values Steering Committee.

Bob: we'll include some language to this effect in the cover letter.

2. Develop policies that guide university operations

Bob: the only policy we currently have is for native planting.

3. Examine the environmental, social and economic benefit of:
 - A. Installation of Photovoltaic systems that will generate electricity, reduce consumption of electricity produced by the electric utility, reduce the expense associated with consumption of the electricity produced and provide by the electric utility and reduce the campus carbon emissions.
 - B. Expand the use of solar thermal systems for the heating of domestic hot water and building heat
 - C. Installation of energy efficient windows that reduce heat loss and heat gain
4. Replacement of inefficient plumbing fixtures in select buildings with efficient fixtures to reduce the consumption of water from the Florida aquifer

Bob: we might consider installing waterless urinals.

5. Develop a database of utility consumption that is available for access by members of the campus community
6. Develop a database of products used on campus that is available for access by members of the campus community

Bob: describe “products” as “products with an environmental impact” (e.g., pesticides).

Josh: potential grammatical ambiguity.

7. Construct future buildings to LEED guidelines

Bob: what level of LEED guidelines?

8. Include “Tree Banks” in the revised Campus Plan
9. Strive to reduce and where feasible eliminate the use of synthetic pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers and fungicides in caring for the campus landscape. With emphasis in non-athletic playing field areas.
10. Include the University policy of planting only native trees and shrubs in the next version of the DeLand Campus Plan. It is understood that some use of nonnative ground cover is necessary
11. Schedule use of leaf blowers to minimize disruption of classes
12. Have University Marketing communicate the University “Green” initiatives and “Educate” the campus community why it is important to be good stewards of our natural resources.

Josh: this is the only recommendation that has a period.

13. Create curriculum in the School of Business Administration with emphasis on environmental responsibility and awareness

Michael: we should modify this to be a cross-college effort, including the business school.

14. Create a “Walk With the Founders” phone application