

# UA Sustainability Committee

## January 11, 2010 Meeting

**Present:** Fred Cowett, Jeannine Crouse, Marty Hatch, Dan Roth

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- **Dan Roth will write final draft of letter to Campus Sustainability Groups about Earth Week and send out to these groups.**
  - **The next Committee meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2010 at 12:15.**
  - **Subsequent meetings are scheduled for March 8 and April 12, 2010, also at 12:15.**
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### **AGENDA:**

#### **I. Review of Sustainability Committee Activities in 2009**

- Revolving Loan Fund
  - Action on the fund has stalled w/in the Facilities Dept.
  - While the fund could be used to finance such initiatives as the GPSA's proposed Lights Out campaign, current sentiment w/in the Facilities Dept. is that a small projects revolving loan fund would complicate and slow down start-up of these initiatives.
  - Facilities Dept. is also currently focused on the start-up of Cornell's Combined Heat and Power Project and Cornell's commitment to eliminate the use of coal altogether within 18 months.
  - This commitment, the first by any US University, conflates with the Sierra Club's "Beyond Coal" campaign and is an opportunity for Cornell to get out front on a national issue.
  - Sustainability Committee members may wish to attend the "Cornell Moves Beyond Coal" event scheduled for 10:30 AM on Friday January 15, 2010 in Duffield Hall.

#### **II. Discussion of Letter Drafted by Dan Roth to Campus Sustainability Groups about Earth Week**

- Agreement to proceed with theme of "Climate Action and You" and focus on individual responsibility.
- Organizational meeting to be held in 300 Rice Hall at 4:30 on Tuesday February 9, 2010 to hear additional ideas and feedback from other campus sustainability groups.
- It is hoped that Mark Lawrence from CCF will be able to participate per Frank DiSalvo and that we will be able to support CCF efforts on behalf of Sustainability Month.
- Dan Roth will write final draft of letter and send out to campus sustainability groups.

#### **III. Discussion Regarding Future Presentations to the Sustainability Committee**

- Agreement with suggestion made by Dan Roth to consider ways in which we can support energy modeling standards related to new construction.
  - Facilities Dept. is sold on Green Building standards and using them as a baseline for new construction.
  - How can these standards be promoted and made more important to other campus decision makers such as the deans?
- Agreement to invite John Kiefer and Randy Lacey of PDC (Project Design and Construction) to discuss this issue with us.

#### **IV. Schedule of Future Committee Meetings**

- The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 8, 2010 at 12:15.
- Subsequent meetings are scheduled for March 8 and April 12, 2010, also at 12:15.