

UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

Sustainability Task Force

University Services-Green UH

DATE: **Friday May 21, 2010**

PLACE: University of Houston
E. Cullen Conference Rm 226
Houston, TX 77204

I. **Open Forum**

II. **Approval Items**

- A. **Definition of Sustainable Curriculum.** Approval is requested for the university's definition of sustainable curriculum. A draft definition of sustainable curriculum has been proposed by GreenUH. AASHE STARS requires that the definition must be formally adopted by the university's sustainability body and must have faculty input on the definition. Following approval by the Task Force, this definition will be posted on the GreenUH web site. Based on the definition approval by the Task Force, GreenUH will complete and post the index of undergraduate and graduate courses that include sustainability.
- B. **Sustainability Mandatory Training.** Approval is requested for the content to be included in the university's mandatory sustainability training course. AASHE STARS credit PAE13 provides credits for colleges and universities that provide training to all employees in sustainability. It is recommended that the training be delivered using the same model as all other current mandatory training. GreenUH is interested specifically in faculty feedback on the proposed content.
- C. **Task Force Newsletter.** Task Force member James Glennie would like to report on a proposed e-newsletter on campus sustainability.

III. **Information Items**

- A. **Faculty Report from "Sustainability on Campus" course.** Two UH faculty and one administrator collaborated to teach the "Sustainability on Campus" course this spring. A report on the course and student presentations will be provided to the Task Force.
- B. **Curriculum Index.** An index of all sustainability courses has been completed using the draft definition. The total numbers of courses and STARS points credited for these courses will be presented by GreenUH.
- C. **Report of the Princeton Review Recognition.** The University of Houston was recognized as one of the nation's most environmentally responsible universities. GreenUH will report on this recognition.

- D. **Task Force Summer Workshop.** The group will discuss the summer workshop on sustainability which will define the Task Force Academic Year 2010-11 agenda. The workshop is planned for July 1. Presentations for the workshop include: AASHE STARS, Greenhouse Gas Reduction Strategy, Waste Minimization Policy and Campus Energy Policy.
- E. **Report on the Recycled Paper Incentive Program.** UH Finance has developed an incentive program for departments that are purchasing recycled paper. UH Finance will provide a report to the Task Force on this new program.
- F. **Plastic Bag Use on Campus.** Task Force Member James Glennie is requesting discussion of plastic bag use on campus.