The first item discussed was the resignation of committee member Arthur O’Leary. It was agreed that this was a real loss. The committee will send a letter to Art thanking him for his work and wishing him the best.

The committee began to look through the draft copy circulated over the weekend. There was a discussion on some of the recommendations with support being expressed for the idea of a student independent study preparing a comprehensive assessment of initiatives on other campuses.

There was lengthy discussion of the importance of getting food services to go green as it is a central part of on-campus life. This would include all the venues – not just the Dining Commons—and all if these fall under SODEXHO. C. Robie reported that Colby College that uses SODEXHO, had made a presentation to the WSC administration last fall. They noted that it did take time for some of the changes to become routine – such as bringing your own mug.

The updated Facilities and Operations section was distributed for review by committee members. The recommendations include short and long term objectives all of which come at a cost.

The committee discussed the Curriculum and Education piece, noting the Environmental Center should appear. T. Knowles noted that this would include infusing sustainability in the curriculum and a new major/concentration, and new courses.

C. Braun and A. Leclair are working on a draft relative to a section on carbon offsets. A. Leclair noted she believed this was important not as a way of getting out of our obligation to be more energy efficient but as an additional means of addressing our overall impact.

There was a discussion about wording relative to “student driven” with agreement that this did not fully capture the approach the committee favored.

It was agreed that top recommendations would be:

- Integrating sustainability into the college identity/brand.
- Establish a permanent committee to implement the plan
- Strengthen community connections around sustainability
- Infuse sustainability into the curriculum

M. Bull will prepare a chart of all the recommendations for committee review, pulling them out from each section.

Respectfully submitted,

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