

# Geneseo's Environmental Task Force


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Monthly Report  
November, 2007

# **Taskforce Members**

**Kirk Spangler, Chairperson**

Assistant Director of Facilities Services



**Andrew Baker**, Assistant Director of Residence Life  
**Steve Benchik**, Associate Director of Facilities Services  
**Kevin Callan**, Maintenance Supervisor  
**Susan Chichester**, Director of Computing & Info Technology  
**Katelyn Conway**, Student  
**Caitlin Domagal**, Student  
**Dori Farthing**, Assistant Professor – Geological Sciences  
**Gregg Hartvigsen**, Associate Professor, Biology  
**Tony Hoppa**, Assistant Vice President, Communications & Publications  
**Enrico Johnson**, Assistant Provost  
**Jeff Kaplan**, Director, Facilities Planning & Construction  
**Jordan Kleiman**, Assistant Professor, History  
**Alicia Kowsky**, Student  
**Bill McDevitt**, Assistant Director Grounds and Landscape  
**Michael Mooney**, Associate Director, Intercollegiate Athletics  
**Leigh O'Brien**, Associate Professor, School of Education  
**Kathleen Rauli**, Student  
**Craig Ross**, Network Analyst, CIT  
**Mark Scott**, Executive Director, Campus Auxiliary Services

# Taskforce Activity



- Website Subcommittee
- President's Climate Commitment Subcommittee
- Immediate Impact Subcommittee
- Academics: Changing the Curriculum Subcommittee

# Subcommittee for Compliance with the President's Climate Commitment

Craig M. Ross, Chair



- **Charge**

To provide guidance to the task force in compliance with the President's Climate Commitment which includes an audit of the college's carbon footprint.

- **Accomplishments**

Gathered data on the electricity and natural gas usage for FY 06/07 through the current fiscal year, representing 80% of Geneseo's Carbon Footprint. The remaining 20% consists of data such as travel, commuters information, fleet gas consumption, fertilizer application, solid waste, refrigeration and other chemicals.

Received from Human Resources the addresses of all employees of the college for future mileage statistics

- **Projected Activity**

Collect travel and commuter data.

Use Google Maps to determine commuter miles. The Travel Department is currently looking into the number of miles the college used for air travel in F06/07.

- **Issues & Challenges**

Data collection and determining how much detail is necessary for an accurate carbon footprint.

# Subcommittee for Taskforce Website

Sue Chichester, Chair



- **Charge**
  - Establish and develop a website dedicated to the greening of the campus
- **Accomplishments**
  - Web site has been created and information is being added to the site.
- **Projected Activity**
  - Facilities will provide the answer for What is Environmental Sustainability? (Bill M.)
  - Facilities and others will provide list and blurbs for current initiatives (Steve, Bill, Kirk)
  - Look into possible blogging capability (Sue)
  - Tip of the week setup (Sue)
  - Other ideas - charts of savings, What can you do?
- **Issues & Challenges**

# Subcommittee for Immediate Impact Items

Greg Hartvigsen, Chair



- **Charge**
  - Research, propose and implement approved steps, programs or events for immediate impact in reducing our carbon footprint through sustainable practices.
- **Accomplishments**
  - Completed a survey of students, faculty, professional staff, and secretaries for ideas. This amounted to approximately 100 ideas. We are currently working with the entire Sustainability Committee to narrow the list.
- **Projected Activity**
  - Narrow the list of ideas
- **Issues & Challenges**
  - Implementation of selected ideas

# Subcommittee for Academics: Changing the Curriculum

Enrico Johnson, Chair



- **Charge**  
Specific Goals: Introducing sustainability into all academic departments to increase campus awareness.
- **Accomplishments**  
Working to bring a speaker/speakers to campus
- **Projected Activity**  
The subcommittee has reviewed all of the courses in the curriculum. As part of the review we've categorized each course with a "1" (1 = Some portion of the course refers to sustainability) or "2" (2 = Significant portion of the course refers to sustainability). We've forwarded our findings to the appropriate departmental chair/dean. The chairs/deans have been asked to review our findings for accuracy. In particular, chairs/deans are in a better position to categorize directed study courses, special topic courses, etc. After we get the chairs/deans feedback we'll summarize the results and report to the full committee.  
  
The subcommittee has asked all committee members to recommend speakers. The subcommittee is compiling the recommendations into a single list. The list will categorize the speakers as national/international, regional or local. Upon completion of the list we'll forward it to the full committee for discussion and decisions.
- **Issues & Challenges**
  - 1 - We've started to discuss the goal of introducing sustainability into all academic departments. We're trying to figure out the best way to accomplish this.

# Administrative Activity



- **October 31, 2007**
  - **Initial Meeting of the Task Force**
- **Nov 12-14, 2007**
  - **SUNY Conference for Campus sustainability**
  - **Attended by Kirk Spangler, Steve Benchik, Bill McDevitt, Leigh O'Brien, Craig Ross**
- **Subcommittee Meetings - ?**
- **Seminars**
- **November 30, 2007**
  - **Taskforce Monthly Meeting**

# Visitors

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- Nov 30
  - **Dyami Plotke**, Roof Services of Deer Park, NY
    - Discussed donating a green roof for Stueben Hall