

# Sustainability and Learning Committee Minutes

## May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Attendance: Larry Scott, Jennifer Hayward, Margaret Robertson, Jerry Hall, Susie Cousar

- ✚ Jennifer provided a report about the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS) program through the *Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education* (AASHE) which LCC is participating in. Part of the program is focused on curriculum and to our delight she outlined some parts of this program that were right in line with what we are trying to do with the green stamp program and having different levels of this. Some of the points are for courses that are considered to be focused on sustainability which includes the three pillars of economic, social and ecological and other points are for classes that are defined as related to sustainability. There were points for infusion of sustainability to a percentage of classes and pre and post assessment of eco-literacy for all students at an institution. We will be working with the STARS rating guidelines to help us with the goals that we have established for this committee and the college in the area of curriculum and student eco-literacy. For more information about this program you can read and click the link below. Jennifer also will send out the URL that specifically gives us the curriculum section so that we can use it in our planning.
  - [Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System \(STARS\)](#)  
AASHE is leading a collaborative effort to develop a formal classification system for campus sustainability, with guidelines by which institutions may measure themselves and qualify for different levels of recognition of accomplishment. The project responds to the need expressed by many stakeholders for a standard campus sustainability rating system that compares higher education institutions on progress toward sustainability.
- ✚ Margaret and Susie presented the combined drafts for the Notice of Intent to create an AAS degree program in Sustainability, specifically a program to become a Sustainability Coordinator. The group looked over the NOI and approved it to move on to Mary Brau and the State of Oregon to get this program approved to begin work!
- ✚ Jennifer explained more about the EPA grant that we received and promised to send out a copy of the grant for us to look at and sent an update so that we can begin planning for this in Fall of 08.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:15