Date: October 27, 2011 12:40 PM

Title of Meeting: Monthly Meeting

Location: Trustees’ Board Room, Thompson Hall

Attendees: Brad Manning, Brett Pasinella, David Cedarholm, Denny Byrne, Jacqueline Furlone, Jim Haney, John Hart, Lucy Parham, Tom Ballestero, Tom Kelly, Tom Lee

Annual Report Update
1. Met with Dick Cannon and John Aber over the summer and was encouraging
2. Committees have been organized
3. Keeping up with the original charter

Next Steps for Academic Year
1. Doug Bencks will co-chair the committee going forward
2. Bringing in the new faculty hires in sustainable ecosystem management
3. Look at bringing in any new people to engage with the task force.
4. A lot of lessons to be learned from the ETF, but the nature of ecosystems requires we define what we hope to accomplish.
5. The context for this year is the update of the campus master plan.
   5.1. Master planning session is Nov. 3rd in NH Hall.
   5.2. This will serve as the focus of this group for this year. Provide a tangible context to focus our efforts on establishing new policies.
5.3. The challenge is to make the university feel ownership of the group's work.
5.4. Linking the master plan with work going on in the town can be very useful.

5.5. Last plan really good. So it’s good to see an update embracing and updating the new version.

5.6. Scenario work could be a useful method for looking at our contributions to the master plan.

5.7. Included the first landscape master plan. Took a lot of work to get that into the master plan. But hasn’t been acted on yet.

5.7.1. This group can help drive the implementation of the landscape plan.

6. Class participation may be able to help get more people involved.

7. Lots of the grounds work is now outsourced. So making the connection to the campus is difficult.


8.1. We should have a working group with Paul to see how to implement these issues.

8.2. Timing is important because of the length of the contracts. Need to get changes in ahead of the contract negotiations

8.3. Lots of discussions about outsourcing many functions.

9. Is there still value seen in a half day workshop type of meeting?

9.1. If yes, what time would be useful and workable?

9.2. Maybe the end of j-term for a workshop?

**Subcommittee Updates**

**Natural Resources Inventory**

1. Responding to the specific charge give to the lands committee

2. Assess undeveloped properties west of the tracks

3. College woods and woodman farm

3.1. Also overview of the private lands west of campus

3.2. Describe what’s out there

3.3. Describe the uses of these lands: teaching research outreach.

3.4. Describe this spatially. With intensity of use.
3.5. Have most of the data. Tying up loose ends on this

4. Steve is mostly payed by COLSA and some from timber sales.

5. See handouts from Tom Lee.

6. 48 courses, 5000 student visits to college woods.

7. What about ecosystem services? Some info on watershed protection but not much about sequestration or air quality protection.

8. Part of this is drafting a management plan. And it should include a motoring plan.

9. The idea would be to merge this report with the work of the other Subcommittees, especially the water supply.

10. Water group also not really looking at ecosystem services.

11. Have a lot of biodiversity data. Will be able to assess what we have but also what is missing (e.g., fungi).

12. Ecosystem services could be a really good way to integrate the work from the different subcommittees.

13. 30 students volunteered to help collect recreation uses.

**Integrated Waste Management**

1. Meeting this summer that went well with Neil Naiman and David Proulx

2. David is interested in the cost savings of a plan to streamline the recycling across campus

3. Trial of Single Stream a success

   3.1. 40 sites

   3.2. Replaced the totes with 2nd recycling dumpster

   3.2.1. Cost of these dumpsters should come largely from the savings of maintenance of totes

4. Results will be set for the next budget cycle to compare the systems in buildings and propose campus-wide plan

   4.1. plan would be rolled out in new fiscal year

5. Questions on how to roll out the transition

   5.1. other schools have done things like a new recycling bin and tiny trash can to promote more recycling/less trash

   5.2. Complaints that the trial is very behind-the-scenes
5.3. How to communicate information to the campus

6. EcoTF could support the adoption if/when a recommendation is made

7. Question on how Waste Management Contract is structured

7.1. Variety of costs

7.1.1. Flat rate for compactors

7.1.2. Front loaders are picked up 3x a week, flat rate

7.1.3. If there’s more recycling = less trips of waste pick up

8. Discussion of a coordinator position for waste

8.1. Need is seen as no one is 100% focused and efforts are spread out.

9. Link to single-stream posters on website is [here](http://www.sustainableunh.unh.edu/)

10. Question raised on composting

10.1. had been a permit signed that is now dissolved

10.2. Ag. experiment station would take over

10.3. Issues on how it could go forward, becoming a permit probably not possible

10.4. Under COLSA dean, who needs to be contacted in terms of moving forward and status