

Sustainability Steering Committee

October 15, 2008

10:00 a.m.

UPC University Club Pub Room

Meeting Facilitator:	Charlie Lane	Type of meeting:	Sustainability Steering Committee
Note taker:	Robb Myrtle	Attendees:	Charlie Lane, Ed Becker, Jens Midthun, John Ostrowski, John Welsh, Richard Snouffer, Robb Myrtle, Ruth Wernig

Minutes

Agenda items:

- Review of minutes from September 17, 2008 meeting
- Introductions & new members
- Presentation by John Welsh, Richard Snouffer, and Eric Johnson who will provide an overview of how energy, water, landscaping, and waste are managed at USC
- Questions and comments
- Overview of "President's Climate Commitment"
- Discuss possibility of calculating USC's carbon footprint
- Next step

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Discussion:

- John Welsh, Richard Snouffer, and Eric Johnson spoke about water and energy management, landscaping, and recycling and waste diversion
- Water and energy management were discussed in terms of the overall water and energy conservation efforts currently taking place on campus and future green energy options
- Landscaping was addressed in the context of such options as mulch, computer monitored watering controls, drip-line irrigation, recycling mowers, and native and drought tolerant plants
- Recycling and waste diversion were discussed in terms of recycling receptacles on campus and the various waste sorting that takes place

Agenda item: Discuss possibility of calculating USC's carbon footprint

Discussion:

- It was suggested that the calculation of USC's carbon footprint should be one of the primary recommendations made to establish a baseline on which to base future initiatives.

Next Steps / Meeting: The Committee's next meeting will include discussions regarding the university's purchasing practices and the possibility of calculating USC's carbon footprint. The Committee will also be starting to narrow down its list of recommendations.