

HMSC Sustainability Committee

11/8/06 Meeting Notes

Brandon Trelstad, Coordinator of OSU sustainability group, gave a presentation highlighting sustainability initiatives at OSU, including:

- new Kelley Engineering building, which has received the first LEED gold rating;
- OSU biodiesel initiative
- OSU student survey showing support for increase in student fees to pay for sustainability investments
- sustainability audits for campus buildings will be offered in 2007
- Goals: 1) University-wide zero net environmental impact; 2) enhance human well-being; 3) provide long term cost reductions; 4) foster a culture of sustainability; 5) drive and support innovation
- Vermiculture practices (composting with worm bins) -- Brandon to send information to Todd Cross

After Brandon's presentation, there was discussion of ideas that could be implemented at HMSC:

- Look into Business Energy Tax Credit program as way to purchase heat exchangers to capture some of the heat from the 400 tons of refrigeration used by NOAA to cool water;
- Create some sort of visual monitoring of energy use, by building, to encourage efficiency improvements
- Increase level of recycling by looking for places that need blue bins and posting information in mailrooms and break rooms on what can and cannot be recycled (Including options for collecting glass and plastic bags, which cannot go in the co-mingled bins)

There will be no December meeting