

March 29, 2022 | Zoom Link

- 1. Welcome N
  - o Masks?
- 2. Presentation w/ Amy Dvorak, Director of Sustainability (30 mins)
  - o Office of Sustainability

Amy Dvorak - Hoping to be working in templeton soon!

#### **The Climate Action Plan:**

- Sustainability is a big thing here - now and for the long term plan.

We talked with the Exec council - about strategy. Sustainability is a part of our mission, it is a part of our brand, increases environmental awareness, leverages our position as a world class educator against global climate change.

- We record annual greenhouse gas emissions
- Have a plan in place
- And we have a carbon future date -

Schools define carbon neutrality in different ways. To stay ahead we have to move forward. What we did in 2008 isnt where we should be

IB - what separates LC from Oberlin and other schools on the list?

AD - large endowments help, Oberlin has been removing fossil fuels from their campus. Many moved to natural gas (we are currently using) others use geothermal energy, or low temp hot water heat trading. We are trying to reduce as much as we can, and we tried to use carbon offsets - we pay someone else to reduce emissions for us. We pay someone else to reduce their emissions, it is good but not ideal. We do everything that we can, and then buy carbon offsets. FOR years we were considered as "carbon neutral."

we have a central plan with natural gas using the tunnels beneath the campus to heat the buildings. We will replace those with electric systems.

- We have had a lot of students show concern regarding the climate. There was a lot happening before that was student driven.
- We have solar panels on top of the pamplin and the law school! We are looking for new places to

- add more this year.
- Rocky We have solar panels on the trashcans, and the covering near the bridge.
- EY the electric grid and electricity, i was wondering what type of electricity we will use.

AD - we calculate our study abroad emissions, among other charges. Natural gas emissions are mostly from heating and cooling the academic buildings. We are talking about electrifying because of new regulations around climate - it feels like there are changes every month

- In Summer 2020 our electricity grid has to be renewable by 2040, and 80% by 2030. There are so many problems with the grid and we have to figure this out.
- The state just passed a requirement with new construction 20% of provided spaces need EB charging stations.

IB - have we talked about batteries for solar panels?

AD - we do a bit. There are supply chain issues and IA issues - batteries are getting better and more renewable, there is some momentum. We have backup generators for emergency situations. Portland is proposing a carbon tax - boilers taxed at 90K per year. Maybe we will work on it before!

#### 4 STEP PLAN

- 1. Energy efficiency templeton is getting upgraded, stewart and odell will use this tech too. As we upgrade we hope to do projects of energy efficiency. Student workers \$20per hour!
- 2. Renewable energy community solar, paying someone to do the work but more community focused. Invest in community solar, expanding our electric vehicles. As we can afford them, we would like to get them. We get complaints about the leaf blowers. Groundworkers prefer to use traditional tools for bigger spaces, but we are open to new electric options.
- 3. Campus energy transition -
- 4. Offsets geothermal WE could heat and cool buildings at the same time. Cool more buildings than we do currently. It is not getting colder here.
  - a. Micro gridding?
  - b. Grad and law are separate projects. This would take 5-20 years

We need to stop increasing emissions by 2025. We hope to start this central plan project to drop our footprint. We offset study abroad emissions that will drastically reduce over time.

Community solar shrinks because the life cycle of the solar panels stops in 2020. Impact of this is reduced by the whole grid.

- When we did the facilities master plan. Projecting spending 50 mil (over 30 years to heat and cool the building)

Climate action plan - projected cost \$104 million. We will probably see even more savings. We are using 8k metric tons of carbon per year.

- The board of trustees asked if we could do this faster - and wanted to set up a committee.

High level stuff will stay, and every year we will work towards that.

#### **Internship**

EY - is the internship offer on the website? When does it open

AD - we currently have someone hired, next school year we will look into hiring someone new! We will have other related jobs put out later this year.

#### **Student awareness of environmental changes:**

- IB LC has a reputation for being environmentally conscious yet we don't really see what's going on. You are doing amazing work, but what will be done in the future to involve students in this change?
- AD I will meet with the grad school. We will have a cool workshop to engage with during earth week. I am open to suggestions about student involvement. As you leave here, career and work opportunities what you take with you is the biggest impact. I would like as many people to get involved as possible.
- EY could we target some curriculum towards this? We have Climate science, the art and environmental studies program, could we establish a program/department to teach students how to deal with these things?
- AD i am a staff member and i cannot go in and tell them what to do but we hope to rally the existing classes you could take and then gauge your interest about new classes. The law school talked about maybe doing a climate justice program.
  - 3. Allocations Review: Next Week!!
    - Allocating ~\$667,514 to 78 orgs
- OW hopefully we will get everything done. Almost everyone has met with someone from the finance committee, when we send out the budgets they will see. This number is approximate we do not know the exact # of students who will be in the freshman class.
- Rocky ASB bylaws make us have a 33% buffer with the enrollment estimate. We use that fee to decide how much is available to spend
- OW funding the MIN for all orgs would cost about <u>850k</u>. When finance does allocations, they recommend certain cuts and come up with a proposed budget. Sometimes the spreadsheet shows how much they were funded last year, how much they were cut by. The spreadsheet is really private information until after allocations. When I share budget info with you, keep it confidential. Go through that before the senate, we only have 1-1.5 hours to go through all of it. Their supplemental questions are linked to explain their decision. We will have reasoning for why we decided to give them less money.
- Rocky last year they cut funding to make the symposium funding more equal they drastically cut the symposium. You wouldn't have known the reasons why, and would just see that they are getting a lot less money.
- OW before allocations, recognize your biases, just because we know more about an org, does not change their needs
- IC how do we know how much \$ we are allowed to give to a club?
- OW everyone submits a budget with min and max requests. This weekend they will decide how much is allocated.
- IC if we can't fund the max, how do we decide how much to give them?
- SLM that is what the finance committee does for two days, then that gets sent to the senate to be voted on. The Senate is a second set of eyes after the recommendation Is made. Clubs can always appeal for more money in the fall, and usually clubs do not use all of their money.
- Rocky you get a recommendation. You are presented a choice to approve or to not approve it. If it goes back then they have to make a new recommendation.
- OW on our last meeting, we will have a budget to approve
- Rocky students cannot vote for clubs they are a part of, they do not use random numbers. There are always some disagreements, last year there were questions about the symposium, clubs getting different amounts of money...

OW - we have a JSU and Hilel - i'm going to say this now, they are both very different. Hillel is related to a program in Israel, and JSU serves students on campus. Next week is the most important senate meeting

### 4. End of Year Goal Reports!

OW - I am constitutionally required to get an end of year goal report from you about what you have accomplished in senate. Reflect on your goals, they will be published on the website.

## 5. <u>SB007</u>: Note Taking & Minutes Reforms

OW - not ready we will do this next week

AC - I am unsure about audio recordings, youtube, and will update the constitution added senate and cabinet sections. Should the cabinet be like the senate? Or should it be more casual?

OW - from my investigating, audio recordings have been posted on the ASB youtube channel - audio or visual. That is something that we could do next year.

Rocky - I am hesitant to specify the piece of tech we will use in the bylaws, next year you may want to use a different tool for this. We may have to disclose that we are recording during meetings. This is a public forum and anyone can come in to say something

AC - anything that is confidential does not need approval to be censored. the Senate procedure for minute approval: The minutes are only made public upon request

### 6. Call to action idea

SC - i recognize that we have not used resolutions, we should revamp them and have students be the focus of resolutions. I want to change this to become a call to action that is an open letter to the school and senate would just have to pass it and then senate could post it on instagram or something

ET - next meeting is allocations, we should probably do as much as we can today

OW - this is an idea that we do not have time to flush out, it is important to talk about our issues with resolutions, anyone from the public can submit a resolution. It is valid and concerning that resolutions are unclear. I feel that this will not pass this senate session, but we can work on it next year. Are we helping students holding their hand through that, if they should just go to admin? Are we just making another step?

SLM - an example with changes with mask mandates, students sent me letters that they later sent to admin, students already were posting about it everywhere. In that sense I support it for the cabinet and the adoptee club for example emailed me, students do a good job spreading letters across various media platforms. Inherently things from the ASB email are coming across as ASBs word, that does link us and is a record that is out there forever.

ET - i want to hear your pitch on this because i tend to agree with SLM, but i don't want to be biased

SC - it is great that students voice their opinions, ASB should be a support system for students to voice their opinions to the school. They wouldn't have to dm people they can come to ASB with a letter that is just voted on and then published.

OW - do you have an example?

SC - about the mask mandate and stuff like that, if they want something that everyone would see in an official way they could use a call to action through ASB

OW - we can take indirect action? I do not want to give students the impression that we can do action

SC - This could just be called a resolution

OW - Yeah if the intent is to get tangible actions i do not believe we can,

ET - students can go to admin directly, doing this doesn't make things public. Instead we could just have an instagram page dedicated to voicing concerns. This bureaucratically doesn't make sense, but i hear your intention of wanting to make student voices more heard

OW - maybe something about public grievances, if you have an issue and do not feel that you have the support/resources to deal with it. Next year we could add that in the Bylaws. Technically community updates are when anyone can say something at the senate.

Rocky - trying to fill the need of public forum, most community govts have an agenda, and a portion of the meeting welcomes public comment, this doesn't mean that you all will take action. It could mean that you agree with part of it, and at the next meeting it can be brought up. How do we pull the community in here?

OW - or a google form, want something on our agenda? Anyone can say that they want to talk about something.

ET - we just talked with reed and we learned that their student govt owns the newspaper too and every week they publish a missed connections thing, this is really popular and once students see others' concerns it takes off. The president could say things that the students want to address:, if they have the concerns, we can encourage them to later go to admin.

## 7. New Land Acknowledgment?

OW - we do not need a vote, we have a bunch of new edits. The other one will say old land acknowledgement, can i get a general vote on this now?

MH - did we decide how frequently we are going to say it?

OW - i was planning to leave that up to the President next year, mandating it may defeat the purpose, any objections?

- 8. Honorarium Tax Form + Volunteer agreement due!
  - If you want to receive your \$50/semester for being on senate, this is the final deadline

OW - send your honorarium, if you are unsure email me now, i will reference the big spreadsheet. I sent it to y'all yesterday, if you filled out the form last semester you do not need to fill one out

- If you filled out the form last semester, you do not need another one!!
- 9. Community Updates
  - Order food for the last meeting???
    - i. April 19th
  - O How was Reed Brunch??
  - o April 26: Mini Food Truck End of Year Event

OW - we have a mini food truck event with at least donuts and SLM will give their statement Karaoke tomorrow

This weekend Suntan, Luau and Sunburn

Sign up to be a NSO leader?

Come to the IA symposium

- o CAB: Flea Market! 4/23
  - i. Vendor form due April 12th
- More info on @asb97219\_ and other orgs' IG accounts

## **CAB APRIL EVENTS**

APR.22							
SUN	M O N	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
27	28	29 SPRING BALL PICTURES RELEASED	30	31 MOVIE IN HOWARD 202 @8.30PM	1	Portland 2 Saturday Market Reccomenation	
3 Tennis Senior Day Tailgate - 10:00am & 1:00pm @the tennis dome	4 LGBTQ+ SKATE NIGHT Sign-up required	5	6 KARAOKE NIGHT @CO-OP @8.30PM	7	8 LASER TAG Sign-up required	9 Suntan @12pm Luau @5pm Sunburn @8pm	
10 JAPANESE GARDEN Sign-up required MOVIE IN TAMARACK @8.30PM	11	12	13	14 MARSHMALLOWS NIGHT HOLMES @8.30pm	15 GLOW SKATE Sign-up required	16 BASEBALL SOFTBALL TAILGATE	
17 CAPTURE THE FLAG OUTDOOR MOVIE PIZZA + ICE CREAM	18	19 ADULT SKATE Sign-up required	20	21 TRIVIA NIGHT	22 TERRARIUM PARTY & SPIKE BALL	23 FLEA MARKET & Senior Social 7pm - 10pm	
24 OUTDOOR FAIR	25 CAP AND GOWN PICK UP 10-4PM @SMITH HALL	26 CAP AND GOWN PICK UP 10-4PM @SMITH HALL	27	2 8 SENIOR SUPPER @3pm ELCYS @6:30	29 BOBA FOOD TRUCK	30	







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# **International Affairs Symposium: This week!**

# **SCHEDULE**



