

SSTFers,

Our meeting with Laban Coblenz went well after having a rocky start. Some pressing, last minute issues in the President's Office kept him from meeting, with who was left of us, until after 5:30.

However, in general the meeting was very fruitful and encouraging. Thanks to those of you who could stick around. I'll just run through quickly what transpired. If I miss anything please chime in and round it out.

Laban will be attending our regular body meeting on March 20th.

He saw moving forward in three separate but related components...

Technological Innovation

Policy Innovation ("need a better word than policy")

Psychological Innovation (individual perceptions)

For this meeting he asked of us to try and get some background information and have something to move forward with.

1. Compile a list of "faculty who get it"
2. Compile a list of research and classes related to sustainability.
3. We need to formulate "concrete" asks of Dr. Jackson to enable her to "do something"

There were also other suggestions he gave...

4. Look into worlds best sustainability best practices in all forms of institutions (New Zealand Govt., Businesses, Colleges, etc.)
5. ummm, my memory sucks...

In addition, I have asked Steve Davis, as a follow-up to one of Laban's questions, to contact waste management to ensure the waste streams are properly handled. I personally feel a tour of their facilities and/or meeting with them would be a good start.

We asked that the President's Office look into the President's Climate Commitment, which currently has been signed by over 500 institutions. We discussed what we felt the Sustainability Office would provide the campus. These will be ongoing discussions.

Have an awesome spring break for me...I'll be around if you want to meet up early next week, as I will probably leave next wed. night and return on the weekend.

Cheers,

Ben