

Ad Hoc Committee on Sustainability and Facilities
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The Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Sustainability and Facilities was formed during the 2008-2009 academic year in response to the growing interest in issues of environmental sustainability on campus and beyond. West Chester University's commitment to this principle was recently institutionalized through the addition of an environmental sustainability sub-goal to the Responsiveness Transformation component of the Plan For Excellence. The purpose of the Senate Ad Hoc Committee is to facilitate communication on these issues between the Senate and other parts of the university. During the year, the Committee met with Dee Giardina, Director of Facilities and Operations, to better understand the nature of green practices instituted during construction and facilities operations. The Committee met with President Weisenstein following the dedication of the new Outdoor Classroom in order to highlight the Faculty Senate interest in environmental sustainability. This conversation turned into a mutual expression of the importance of integrating environmental literacy with all aspects of campus life. Committee member Lynne Cooke involved her Business and Organizational Writing class in a service learning project to create proposals for promoting the campus recycling efforts. The best of these proposals were presented to Facilities personnel Royston Gathings and Sandy Brown to possibly incorporate into their efforts to promote recycling on campus. Lynn Cooke's class project is an example of the kind of campus collaboration that the Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Sustainability and Facilities hopes to facilitate through its communication efforts.

Submitted by Walt Cressler, Chair