WWU Sustainability Curriculum
Design Charrette

February 4, 2009
6-9 PM – (VU 462 AB)

“What Does Sustainability Literacy look like at WWU”?

Hosted by:
WWU Sustainability Academy & WWU Sustainability Committee’s Subcommittee on Curriculum

Dear Colleagues:

You are invited to join fellow WWU Sustainability Academy members (an informal association of WWU faculty committed to sustainability education) to discuss and develop a series of alternative concepts leading towards a sustainability curriculum at WWU. The Academy held its first meeting on December 3, 2008, where it was agreed that sufficient interest exists in expanding sustainability literacy and programs at WWU. As a result, we have scheduled a Design Charrette Workshop to begin a hands-on process to develop alternative sustainability curriculum and programs. This is a step towards expanding sustainability studies at WWU. Please join us in this workshop on February 4 at 6pm.

Agenda
6:00 - 6:30 Overview, Curriculum Models, Curriculum Ideas, Discussion, Group Assignments
6:30 - 7:15 Curriculum Break-Out: Group Activities
7:15 - 7:30 Short Break
7:30 - 8:15 Curriculum Break-Out: Group Activities and Recommendations
8:15 - 9:00 Groups Present Curriculum Concepts

Next Steps

Initial Curriculum Models
• A Curriculum for general undergraduate Sustainability Literacy
• Sustainability Minor(s) (Rooted In a Major Department)
• A WWU-wide Major in Sustainability Studies
• A Continuing Education / Professional Degree Program in Sustainability Studies
• A Graduate Program in Sustainability
• Other Curriculum Concepts

Design Charrette
The word charrette may refer to any collaborative session in which a group of designers drafts a solution to a design problem. While the structure of a charrette varies, depending on the design problem and the individuals in the group, charrettes often take place in multiple sessions in which the group divides into sub-groups. Each sub-group then presents its work to the full group as material for future dialogue. Such charrettes serve as a way of quickly generating a design solution while integrating the aptitudes and interests of a diverse group of people (Wikipedia).

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