**Academic Sustainability Steering Committee**

Established 2012

Members appointed by the Provost

Chaired by the Coordinator of Academic Sustainability Programs

**Objectives** of the committee include:

• work with home departments to determine scheduling and permanence of existing courses required for or electives for ENV and SUS degrees

tag which of these courses may not be scheduled reliably in the future

make suggestions for more appropriate courses and identify new courses for incorporation into degree programs

• create a framework to ensure a more connected flow of sustainability related experiences throughout undergraduate programs and interface with student groups (e.g. Student Environmental Caucus, Action Research Teams)

• assist faculty in achieving sustainability learning outcomes from the Global Learning Initiative

• develop a sustainability track for all NAU majors, along with accompanying advising and promotional materials

• assist the Provost with data analysis of sustainability programs and courses

**Members** are drawn from across the universities academic programs:

BIO - George Koch CCE- Rom Coles, FYS- Jacob Dolance , FOR - Paul Beier, FCB - Susan Williams, GLI and CAL– Blase Scarnati HIS- Michael Childers/Marcus Burtner, PHI- George Rudebusch, POL -Jacqueline Vaughn, PSY- Ann Huffman, SUSCOM- Luis Fernandez,

Ex officio: Residence Life and EMSA – Scott Perlstein

**Accomplishments** for academic year 2012-13

• Developed Sustainability Lines Program Plan, an integrated plan for faculty planning, hiring, and development in Sustainability to encourage cooperative hiring across academic units and minimize course and research duplication

• Built a sustainability-focused and sustainability-related course list for internal and STARS use, use key course concept approach

• Identified course bottlenecks causing delays in degree progress for environmental and sustainability majors

• Developed contact list of all NAU faculty involved in sustainability research

• Worked with Environmental Caucus to develop an interactive system for faculty to submit new courses for consideration as sustainability-focused or –related courses.

• Worked with Faculty Senate to amend the Global Learning Initiative and to develop a task force to consider further actions to advance GLI goals and objectives

• Identified and collated all sustainability-related degree and certificate programs at NAU

• Collated faculty needs for Interdisciplinary Environmental and Sustainability Programs