

President's Climate Commitment & Sustainability Committee

October 7, 2013

Room G138

1:00pm

Members Present: Paul Righi, Dawn Monahan, Les Warren, Maria Rodriguez, Cecilia Roberts, Oscar Pena, Mike Boyle, Karalynn Gau, Mike D'Entremont, Scott Benjamin, Kim Frashure, Krista Reichert, Julie Lambert

1. Committee Chairs Selected for 2013-2014 Year:
 - a. Scott Benjamin
 - b. Krista Reichert
2. Upcoming Events and Activities:
 - a. BHCC Tree Planting, October 19th.
3. Updates
 - a. Recycling Signage: New recycling and trash receptacles are in place throughout campus. New signage for the bins will be in place soon to notify users what can be recycled.
 - i. The Library would like to request additional bins to accommodate the amount of recycled paper that they generate daily.
 - b. Combined Heat-and-Power Generation (Co-Gen) System: Facilities is overseeing the installation of a new CHP Co-Gen system in a few weeks.
 - c. Composting: Facilities has been working with Casella Waste to develop a method for FAME to collect compostable scraps to comply with new State composting mandates.
 - i. It was recommended that some grass clippings could be used for on-campus composting in the Urban Garden.
4. Priorities for the 2013-2014 year.
 - a. Create more synergy between the PCCC the Student Sustainability Club.
 - b. Revitalize the BHCC Urban Garden
 - c. Campus Composting
 - d. Develop a Green Events Policy/Guide
 - e. Improve Bike-ability at BHCC
 - f. Disseminate monthly Green Tips
5. Green Tip
 - a. "Take It With You" –If you don't generate much trash (not recycling) in your office, consider taking an individual piece of trash to a common area trash can. This will help reduce the number of nearly empty trash can liners that BHCC disposes of every day.

Next meeting: November 4th : Focus on Urban Garden Improvement