

President's Climate Commitment and Sustainability Committee
Meeting Notes from April 5, 2011

Present:

Jode Levine, Jeff Ginsburg, Paul Righi, John Chirichiello, Les Warren, Dawn Monahan, Oscar Pena, Karalynn O'Rourke, Elsa John, Scott Benjamin, Aaron Amardey-Wellington, Ken Nies, Weusi Tafawa, Brian Alves, Paul Wolff

Absent:

Deb Boyer, Meghan Callaghan, Henry Chu

Introduction	Recorder: Dawn Forum Presentation: Scott Discussion about who presents minutes at forum, usually chairperson of the committee; Paul is part of executive staff, suggestion made to share the role of forum presentations by the committee members. New Member: Ken Weusi, from IT introduced, replacing Mark Norton Attendance sheet circulated Revised constituency : ideas have been presented to governance committee action pending for 3 faculty slots and 1 professional staff Rachel special guest, from the sustainability club on a recycling project
Overview of Website	Paul explored the website updates and additions, acknowledged creative work of Margo Attaya and Chris Bergan. Areas of interest are the history portion of the website which reviews past events; there is also a calendar depicting upcoming events. There is a mini grant section. Scott spoke about the PASS project which will combine sustainability issues and soccer. Some ideas for the future of the website are to include a virtual tour of the new health and wellness building.
Discussion of Projects	#1- Comfort Surveys (LEED requirement of survey and performance) Karalynn has researched various styles of surveys and issues that are applicable to the new building; in particular thermal comfort. Issues that she found were related to light, temperature, humidity levels, ventilation in work area or offices. Karalynn asked for suggestions for future investigation, some suggestions were assessing noise levels, floor noise (carts moving

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	<p>over floors), and doors closing. Karalynn also cited addressing furnishings as a possible question. A discussion also ensued related to offering surveys to students as well as faculty and staff. The language states that the occupants of the building should be asked and should 2 surveys be developed as opposed to 1. No final decision was made on the possible sampling of students in addition to the faculty/staff</p> <p>#2-Green Car Parking Policy was approved by executive staff. Jeff worked with Tony to develop parking sticker which was circulated to the group. Discussion on how to get the word out re: green car parking discounted rates to the student body. Ideas presented were: club presidents meeting, mentors on tours, posters, website, and monitor by the registrar's office, home mailings with registration materials, student handbook, and student emails. Target date is to get the word out for the fall semester.</p> <p>#3- Recycling project Discussion on how to better recycle and issues that plague the recycling mission. Ideas of using signage near the bins, size of bins an issue. Debra Barret's mini grant might address some of these issues. Single stream recycling might also be a possible solution. Students may be unaware of what exactly goes in the blue recycle bins in the classrooms. Question of the use of locked recycle barrels came up and they can sometimes be cumbersome to manage. Education re: recycling is needed, some people simply aren't aware of the implications.</p>
<p>Annual reporting</p>	<p>Scott pointed out that every 2 years the college needs to prepare data regarding CO2 emissions and asked for input from the committee on ways to collect good data from the college community. Although the report isn't due in the immediate future, Scott is looking for input from the committee on how to incorporate/collect data that will or could be used to complete the survey.</p>

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