

**President's Climate Commitment Committee**  
**Minutes-Monday, January 26, 2009**

Attended: J. Steffano, J. Thompson, J. Ginsberg, J. Chirichiello, M. Norton, J. Lavine, P. Righi

1. Acceptance of last meeting's minutes
2. Sub-committee reports:
  - a. **Waste Minimization**-Because of the purchase of 350 new computers and the purchase of smart boards, we have disposed of plenty of paper cardboard. Have not figured out the percentage of cardboard to our total waste.
  - b. **Green Building**-We have accumulated 35 points for LEED silver. We need 39 points for LEED gold. We can receive potentially 2 credits if we install sub-meters on our electrical and mechanical systems with a measurement and verification plan to monitor energy usage in the new building. We can receive potentially an additional point if 20% of all materials used in the building as an aggregate of materials used for construction. Joe Steffano is looking at paint, tile and carpets for more points.
  - c. **Temperature set points policy**-Jeff stated that he thought the building was too cold and John reported that the Chelsea staff was complaining of a cooler building.
  - d. **Procurement language for energy star products and waste minimization**-Waiting for results from W. Tafawa on whether or not the Business Office could write all contracts for the college. We should be using all green vendors.
  - e. **Web page**-Needs to be updated.
3. **Discuss upcoming action plan to implement and set date to achieving carbon neutrality**-Joe S. had sent out an 'all bhcc users' twice for ideas with no response. J.Thompson stated that it was a busy time for faculty. Joe will send out the email a third time.
4. **Update on recommending the Climate Committee becoming a "Standing Committee**-J. Thompson will check if faculty would receive credit if the committee remains an advisory committee.
5. **Miscellaneous items**
  - a. No actions to report.
  - b. No discussion
  - c. Paul Righi reported that Recyclemania is a 10 week competition between schools across the country. The first two weeks are trial weeks so you can get used to the reporting then the competition begins on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Reports are given on the amount of trash removed from building along with the weight of the recycled material. There are 510 schools participating. 337 are in the competition division and 173 are in the benchmark division. We are in the competition division competing against other schools to see how our recycling stacks up.

6. **Next meeting**-Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.
7. **Adjournment-3:15**

Respectfully submitted by John Chirichiello