

President's Climate Commitment Committee

Minutes- Thursday, June 18, 2009

Attended: J. Ginsberg, J. Steffano, M. Fifield, J. Lavin, J. Chirichiello, P. Righi, M. Norton, R. Mihal

The committee viewed a seminar on: Greening the Community College: Win, Win, Win. The presenter was Dr. Diana Van Der Ploeg, President of Butte College in Oroville, California.

M. Fifield suggested having someone visit BHCC to train faculty and staff and to talk about workshops. The President also stated that there may be some funds available from the federal government by way of grants.

The President asked Jeff if he could get a copy of the Talloires Declaration, which is a 10 point action plan that incorporates sustainability and environmental literacy in teaching, facilities and outreach to send to members of the committee.

The President asked about the possibility of starting a Sustainability Club.

The President stated that a budget should be discussed for this committee.

The President suggested using this topic as the "theme" for convocation.

The President suggested modifying the new college goals with a "going green" goal.

The President asked about a well for the irrigation system at BHCC. J. Steffano stated he investigated installing a well about 5 years ago and it would cost \$10,000 at that time.

R. Mihal talked about implementing "going green" into the curriculum and that she would place it on the Dean's Council agenda.

J. Steffano asked R. Mihal for a draft for section 4 from the Academic Deans. Joe will send the guidelines to Roxanne.

Roxanne will contact Megan and will provide bullets on suggestions/ideas.

Adjournment: 2:40

Respectfully submitted by John Chirichiello