

President's Climate Commitment Committee

Minutes-Monday, March 23, 2009

Attended: J. Thompson, J. Steffano, J. Ginsberg, J. Chirichiello, M. Norton, J. Lavine, P. Righi, M. Seppala, Y. Shaghghi, M. Holster, M. Callaghan

Mark Fournier joined us, compliments of VP Mike Seppala, as a special guest, today at our meeting. Mark has worked at UMASS for 28 years and has 30 years experience in the recycling field. His experience showed as he questioned the committee and made some recommendations. He stated that we were in better shape, as far as having recycling containers on our campuses. Mark's priority would be to educate our students, faculty and staff and was also going to send some recycling guidelines for us to follow. Mark also, as a gesture of good will and on his own time, stated that he would come back to speak to our community. The committee thanked him for attending and hopefully we will use his knowledge to benefit our community and our planet.

1. Acceptance of last meeting's minutes.
2. Sub- committee reports:
 - a. **Waste Minimization**-discussion with Mark Fournier
 - b. **Green Building**-still looking for 2 points...if we install sub-meters on our electrical and mechanical systems we can monitor energy usage in our new building. This would be considered a **measuring and verification** plan for 1 point. J.Steffano spoke to Libby Dunphy about preparing the text for posters for the educational credit. Joe sent Libby a copy of the criteria for the credit and will meet with her during the summer sessions to draft the material for review by the LEED Architect. Libby has a guest speaker for MIT to make a presentation on engineering green and climate control this Thursday at 1 PM in D-301.
 - c. **Temperature set points policy**-still in effect and working well.
 - d. **Procurement language for energy star products and waste minimization**- no input from the Business Office.
 - e. **Web page**- Y. Shaghghi stated it has been updated.
3. Discuss upcoming action plan to implement and set date to achieving carbon neutrality: Joe Steffano requested confirmation and/or recommendations on the approach he suggested in the draft plan previously sent to the committee.
4. Update on recommending the Climate Committee becoming a "Standing Committee". No action was taken. Scott Benjamin is on sabbatical.
5. Miscellaneous Items:
 - a. **Report on actions for last meeting- None**
 - b. **Discuss committee participation- An additional two staff attended the meeting.**
 - c. **Other-**

6. Next meeting- Monday April 27, 2009
7. Adjournment - 3:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by John Chirichiello