

Meeting Location: G139

Time: 1:00-2:15pm

Room: G139

In attendance:

Elsa John, Aaron Amardey Wellington, Brian Alves, Scott Benjamin, Y. Venkat Rao, Karalynn O'Rourke, Mark Wigfall, JoDe Lavine, Dawn Monahan, John Chirichello, Jeff Ginsberg, Paul Righi, Paul Wolff

Absent: Deb Boyer, Henry Chu, Weusi Tafawa, Les Warren,

Meeting Summary:

The meeting was called to order and a number of agenda items were presented and discussed.

Item 1: Committee composition and attendance.

Paul Wolff updated the committee on his efforts to improve committee attendance. In his work he found a number of members who did not attend because of other committee or work obligation while at the same time he has found a number of faculty and staff who have mentioned wanting to be active in the committee. Discussion ensued surrounding the make up of the committee, perhaps adding a few faculty spots now that more people were aware and interested, and Jeff and Paul R. briefed us on the origin of this new committee and some of the specifics of the committee designations. All concurred that a review of the composition and proposed changes would be acceptable.

Note: The remaining agenda items were reports from various subcommittees researching and reporting on aspects of BHCC's promised "green" policies that were part of our LEED certification for our new building. The college had proposed these changes to gain LEED credits and must follow through with implementation

Item 2: Green Car Parking Policy –

Sub committee Paul W., Scott, and Jeff G. discussed the proposed GREEN Car parking policy and how BHCC might implement the program. The proposed policy would provide a discount for cars listed as "Smartway" or "Smartway Elite" by the Environmental Protection Agency (www.epa.gov) or achieves a minimum score of 40 on the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (ACEEE) annual green car guide (www.greencars.com). Jeff brought in a sample of a new parking sticker that would indicate a qualified car. The program is proposed to start for fall. Elsa John and the other student members suggested advertising with large posters and to include the information in the packets used as part of student's orientation in the fall.

Item 3: Recycling

Mark updated the committee on the list of what the college currently recycles. Faculty at the meeting brought up the point that many of the blue buckets in classrooms, as well as waste containers in general are too small, missing and that policing recycling is difficult. All faculty suggested that a single stream container would be much more useful. Paul R. updated the group on the problems of the small blue cans "disappearing" from the classrooms and that perhaps larger cans, with single stream might remedy this problem. Much discussion centered on how BHCC recycles and the lack of single stream waste which is present in most of the local communities and colleges. Paul R. mentioned that this might be negotiated into the upcoming waste disposal contract. Jeff G. and Paul W. both mentioned the Casella separation plant just down the road from BHCC that now handles much of the single stream waste from surrounding areas. Also, the committee brought up the need for waste and recycling bins in locations outside. Paul W. also made the committee aware that Les Warren (missing due to a conference) was spearheading the task of creating a composting program as BHCC proposed in the LEED certification.

Item 4: Personal Comfort Levels

Paul W. discussed the survey that has already been in use at the school, and that we will use that survey as a foundation for new information. Dawn and Paul R. discussed problems reported in the new G building regarding temperature and time of day adjustments. Paul R. discussed DCAM's role in evaluating proper function of the lights and temperature in the new building.

Item 5: Suggested By Laws.

Student member Brian Alves, read the proposed by laws for the **President's Climate and Sustainability Committee**. Members were in agreement with accepting the by laws for the committee.