

Climate Commitment Committee Minutes

President's Climate Commitment Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 23, 2008

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1:00 – 2:00

Minutes Call to order and minutes from previous meeting were accepted.

Present:

- Co-chair Jeff Ginsberg (Fiscal Affairs and Central Services), Co-chair Joseph Steffano (Facilities Management)
- Members: Charles Abasa-Nyarko (Academic Affairs), Yazdan Shaghaghi (BHCCOnline), John Chirichiello (Facilities – Chelsea Campus), JoDe Lavine (Science), Scott Benjamin (Science department), Paul Righi (Facilities Management), Libby Dunphy (Science Department), Chris Wilkins (Facilities), Debra Boyer (Registrar and Enrollment Services), Subrina Smith Taylor (Enrollment Management), Patricia Wasson (Distance learning)

The committee was first tasked with accepting the notes of the last meeting and they were accepted.

GREEN ENERGY IMPLYING TO COLLEGES

Sean Butler from NCG Energy solution / WINDSTREET ENERGY presented the acquisition and distribution of 100% green energy which will be provided to BHCC. Mr. Butler said that WindStreet works directly with green electricity generators, which guarantee BHCC with low price and product integrity.

Renewable energy generator from wind farms, solar installation or hydro facilities produces clean electricity which is put into the form of a certified Renewable Energy Credit (REC). Sean also discussed the facts on how REC makes real green energy. He said that

- On a kilowatt by kilowatt basis buying RECs reduces the amount of dirty, brown electricity generators to build more clean power plans.
- Actual clean, green power is fed into the regional power grid; RECs work in your region and across the world!

REC program allow BHCC confidentially engage in green-branded environmental leadership and positions BHCC as caring global organization.

NCG ENERGY SOLUTION with BHCC

In this meeting, Joe reported that he signed a five year agreement with NCG. BHCC long term fixed energy agreement will save the college thousands of dollars.

RECYCLING

John Chirichiello reported on recycling efforts at Chelsea campus.

- Paper recycling continues
- Card board is being cut up and delivered to Charlestown campus
- Bottles and cans also brought to Charlestown campus
- John collect all batteries and brings them to Charlestown campus for recycling as well

Solar Panels

Jeff and Joe reported on a new initiative by the governor to provide funds for solar panel on state buildings. Joe has applied and was contacted by a solar study group but after Joe's initial contact the group as not replied. Paul provided literature from another solar study group working on grant money that might be worth contacting related to this matter. The committee agreed that we should pursue this initiative as it might help forward our goals.

Survey for Climate Temperature

Yazdan Shaghghi opened the survey to every one at BHCC. The survey shall gather information about the temperature setting at work place in order to provide climate comfort for every one.

Web Cast Related to Climate Commitment

Jeff Ginsberg has signed up for web-cast program that discusses procedures and practices associated with the Climate Commitment. He is making the web-cast available to anyone on the committee who wishes to view the program.

Green Electricity Program

Joe Steffano reported on a new contract for electricity supplied to BHCC. The new contract will supply three years of 100% green electricity at a rate lower than other companies investigated. This company will also offer a sponsorship program where if individual (Employees and Students) at BHCC sign up for 100% green energy (for a fee of \$120 per year or \$9 per month) – the school will receive a portion (~ 20%) of those costs.

Meeting Time

The next meeting will again meet on a Wednesday afternoon at 1:00pm. Jeff will email with the specific date.