

**President's Climate Commitment Committee
Minutes-Tuesday, December 16, 2008**

Attended: J. Steffano, J. Chirichiello, J. Ginsberg, P. Righi, W. Tafawa, J. Levine, P. Wasson, Y. Shaghghi

1. Minutes: Meeting called to order at 2:15. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

2. Sub Committee Reports:

Waste Minimization-Paul checked into recycle mania (a competition between colleges and universities to see who can recycle the most during an 8 week period in the spring). Paul will check on how to participate.

Green Building-Joe Steffano reports our leed silver goal for the new building is close to reality. We can potentially receive another point by educating people as they walk through the building. Maybe have some tours by student activities. Also, find a way to incorporate climate change into BHCC curriculum.

Temperature Set Points Policy-In Place

Procurement language for energy star products and waste minimization-Have Business Office compile list of vendors who use energy star products and use these vendors, as a first option, to purchase items for college.

Web Page-Yaz will pass information from our committee to Ian, who will set up and update web page.

3. Discuss upcoming action plan to implement and set date to achieving carbon neutrality.-Due date is 9-15-09. It was suggested we send an email for ideas and suggestions to all users.

4. Update on recommending the Climate Committee becoming a "Standing Committee"-Because of the format of the College Forum, we can only be recognized as an "Advisory Committee". The committee will discuss with Scott Benjamin who has more knowledge on this issue.

5. Miscellaneous Items

Report on Actions from last meeting-the committee has expanded its last minutes and would like to issue a policy stating that there will be no heaters and toaster ovens allowed in offices except for designated areas.

Discuss committee participation-With the hopes of having more people attend our next meeting, it will be held on a Monday.

Other-Joe Steffano reported on his meeting at Massasoit with seven colleges about a standard approach to develop assumptions to estimate the travel emissions for the greenhouse gas inventory. Joe discussed the meeting with Scott Benjamin and gave him the outline for assumptions prepared by Massasoit. Scott said the assumptions can be used by BHCC.

Joe also reported on a meeting at the State House on The Global Warming Solutions Act that is scheduled for enactment in June 2009. The act requires mandatory registration of 2008 carbon emissions in April, 2009 with annual reports henceforth. The goals established in the Act is to reduce greenhouse gases 10-25% by 2020 and 80% by 2050. Joe suggested the year for BHCC carbon neutrality should be about 2070.

Next Meeting-Monday, January 26, 2009.

Respectfully submitted by John Chirichiello