

President's Climate Commitment & Sustainability Committee

October 7, 2013

Room G138

1:00pm

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**Members Present:** Paul Righi, Dawn Monahan, Les Warren, Maria Rodriguez, Cecilia Roberts, Oscar Pena, Mike Boyle, Karalynn Gau, Mike D'Entremont, Scott Benjamin, Kim Frashure, Krista Reichert, Julie Lambert

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1. Committee Chairs Selected for 2013-2014 Year:
  - a. Scott Benjamin
  - b. Krista Reichert
2. Upcoming Events and Activities:
  - a. BHCC Tree Planting, October 19<sup>th</sup>.
3. Updates
  - a. Recycling Signage: New recycling and trash receptacles are in place throughout campus. New signage for the bins will be in place soon to notify users what can be recycled.
    - i. The Library would like to request additional bins to accommodate the amount of recycled paper that they generate daily.
  - b. Combined Heat-and-Power Generation (Co-Gen) System: Facilities is overseeing the installation of a new CHP Co-Gen system in a few weeks.
  - c. Composting: Facilities has been working with Casella Waste to develop a method for FAME to collect compostable scraps to comply with new State composting mandates.
    - i. It was recommended that some grass clippings could be used for on-campus composting in the Urban Garden.
4. Priorities for the 2013-2014 year.
  - a. Create more synergy between the PCCC the Student Sustainability Club.
  - b. Revitalize the BHCC Urban Garden
  - c. Campus Composting
  - d. Develop a Green Events Policy/Guide
  - e. Improve Bike-ability at BHCC
  - f. Disseminate monthly Green Tips
5. Green Tip
  - a. "Take It With You" –If you don't generate much trash (not recycling) in your office, consider taking an individual piece of trash to a common area trash can. This will help reduce the number of nearly empty trash can liners that BHCC disposes of every day.

Next meeting: November 4<sup>th</sup> : Focus on Urban Garden Improvement