

Presidents' Commitment to Climate & Sustainability Committee

Feb 4th 2014 1:00 G138

Meeting Notes

Present: Karalynn Gau, Marcela Rodriguez, Michael D'Entremont, Oscar Pena, Michael Boyle, Krista Reichert, Rob Whitman, Scott Benjamin; Julie Lambert

1: Facilities Updates

- a. No updates reported

2: Campus Sustainability Updates

- a. Karen Norton is updating the Sustainability Website for the College
 - i. Streamlining content to match rest of College's site
- b. Sustainability Club is planning events for Earth Week

3: Greening Campus Events

- c. Committee discussed working on greening some aspect of food on BHCC campus
 - i. Food Committee—meeting with FAME about issues with food
 - ii. Sustainability of food has been brought up as a potential issue in that committee's discussions
 - iii. PCCC Committee discussed idea of working with FAME and Events to create some kind of green events policy or guideline
 - iv. Rob suggested the best place to start is to invite FAME and Events to our meeting to learn what they are already doing before drafting ideas
 - v. Committee decided to invite Events to next meeting and FAME to subsequent meeting

4: Earth Week Activities

- a. Krista described the Events being planned by the students in the sustainability club for this year's Earth Week
- b. Committee discussed ideas of planning an event with the students for the whole campus
 - i. Committee discussed planning a recognition event to honor student projects, faculty/staff projects, office projects ect.
 - a. Tentative dates discussed although multiple conflicts exist.
 - b. Mike suggested an open-mic event where anyone would be able to talk about their project for a few minutes.

- c. Committee discussed giving recognition to any projects that self-identify or that are nominated
 - i. Include projects where students/faculty/staff worked with the Office of Sustainability or were funded by OSM
 - ii. Recognize all projects through open mic and highlight 3-4 projects for longer
 - 1. Need to identify projects that could be highlighted for 5-10minutes
 - a. “Showcase” of some of the many projects
- d. Karalynn suggested we use Qualtrics to have the community submit nominations
 - i. Draft language of the survey to be created/reviewed for next meeting

5. Next Meeting: March 4th

- a. Meet with Events
- b. Showcase Event