

Environmental Impact & Sustainability Committee

(“NECC – EISC”)

Meeting Minutes

9/24/08

11:00 – noon P.D.R.

In Attendance: Tom Fallon, Co-Chair; Jim Brocato; Linda Cashman; Cliff Clarke; Alison Cody; Martha Leavitt; Marcy Vozzella; Linda Hudson(Recorder)

Meeting began at 11:00am.

Chair Tom Fallon distributed and discussed the “Agenda” and the “Environmental Impact and Sustainability Committee Report for FY2008” (I have attached those handouts for you).

The following items were discussed:

- **Purchasing “Energy Star” personal computers? We need to investigate the cost of an Energy Star PC and a comparable non-Energy Star PC. We also need to determine the cost of energy used over a three- four year period for both units. Then we can determine the “true difference” in cost. Linda Cashman will investigate the PC unit costs and once the units have been identified, Tom will look into the energy usage.**
- **Our “Green” Web Page will hopefully be “up and running” in October.**
- **It was suggested that a sign be designed for the unmowed area between the Technology Building and the Gymnasium. Marcy will have draft wording for the next meeting.**
- **Tom mentioned that if we have to take trees down, we should consider replacing them. The Committee will look into developing a plan. Allison Cody will investigate grant \$\$ for replacing trees;**
- **This is our “Planning” year and as is outlined in the attachment , the Committee must make recommendations to the President about how the college will become climate neutral over a period of years. We need to look at many possible actions to accomplish this task. It was mentioned that a reduction of 3% per year is reasonable. Tom mentioned that when he was submitting the final FY 2007 Carbon Footprint to the PCC office, he asked how they were going to address enrollment increases in community colleges (commuter colleges). They had no answer. The FY 2008**

accomplishments document outlined many of the possible ways that the college may go including purchasing Renewable Energy Credits.

- The College will be closed from 12/24/08 through 1/5/09 with a 30-35% energy savings. Buildings will be closed.
- The Committee watched a slide show that pointed out some of the accomplishments for last year.

The meeting adjourned at noon.

Respectively submitted,

Linda Hudson