

Environmental Impact & Sustainability Committee
(“NECC – EISC”)
Meeting Minutes
2/14/08
12:00pm P. D. R.

In Attendance: Tom Fallon, Co-Chair; Jim Brocato; Dina Brown; Cliff Clarke; Alison Cody; Rhiannon Lombard; Marcy Vozzella

Recorder: Linda Hudson

Meeting began at noon.

These notes follow the agenda items:

- *Ride Share:* *The FY 2007 Ride Share reports (short form) were completed and submitted to EPA. Per Tom Fallon, all students should be receiving a web-based survey regarding Ride Share practices. The entire spring student body will receive this each spring semester. (a draft copy of this survey was distributed – Draft #2 – Draft 12-19-07)*

- *Recycling:*
 - *Tools the committee can use to educate the college community regarding recycling:*
 - *Increase student awareness regarding recycling (reach out to students via the NECC web-site);*
 - *Consider hiring an outside service to pick up cans and bottles;*
 - *Relocate some of the existing recycling bins around campus;*
 - *Set up an information booth/table in the lobby of Spurk Building.*

 - *Paul Chanley (per Tom Fallon) suggested the purchase of a solar trash compactor.*

 - *Dina Brown will suggest to the Student Senate Committee the possibility of “recycling bins” as class gifts.*

 - *Find out from Al Hitchcock, Storekeeper, what percentage of the copier machine paper that the school is buying right now is “recycled paper.” What would the cost be to purchase only “recycled paper” campus-wide?*

- *Paul Chanley (per Tom Fallon) is interested in starting a Pilot Recycling Program in the Technology Center;*
- *Baseline Carbon Footprint:*
 - *What is our carbon footprint? Tom presented the draft spreadsheet containing the data for FY 2007. He explained the leased property located on Osgood St. does not have separate energy bills therefore we estimated based on our existing cost per square foot. Once the FY 2007 foot print is complete the committee will need to recommend our % for reduction to President Hartleb. (a copy of Draft #5 – dated January 31, 2008 of NECC’s Carbon Footprint for FY2007 was distributed).*
- *Marcy’s class project Update:*
 - *Marcy will present her findings from her students regarding “travel” (commuting by Students & Staff) after the Spring 2008 semester.*
 - *This is the last step remaining for the Carbon Footprint.*
- *President Hartleb’s Next Car:*
 - *The committee recommends that President Hartleb should lease a hybrid car when the existing lease runs out.*
- *Solar Panels:*
 - *A sub-committee was formed (Rhiannon, Marcy, Allison and Tom) to investigate grant funding for either solar panels, wind turbines and/or geo-thermal energy for the college.;*
 - *The committee discussed the possibility of partnering with an area high school/community in order to qualify for a wind turbine. A recent study showed that Haverhill does not have enough wind to supply a turbine, however, Newburyport and Salisbury probably will.*
 - *Possibility of an alternate energy source for the new Lawrence Campus site?*
 - *Paul Chanley’s (per Tom Fallon) Circuit Analysis II course is in the process of building Savonius Wind Turbine models.*
- *Documents that were distributed at meeting:*
 - *Ride Share survey*
 - *NECC’s Carbon Footprint for FY2007*

- *Commonwealth Solar web-site information*
- *Large Onsite Renewables Initiative web-site information*

The meeting ended at 1:00pm.

- ***Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 13, 2008 at noon in the President's Dining Room.***