

Environmental Impact & Sustainability Committee

("NECC – EISC")

Meeting Minutes

3/13/08

12:00pm P. D. R.

In Attendance: Tom Fallon, Co-Chair; Dina Brown; Linda Cashman; Paul Chanley (Co-Chair) Cliff Clarke; Alison Cody; Martha Leavitt; Rhiannon Lombard; Marcy Vozzella; Sue Wolfe

Recorder: Linda Hudson

Meeting began at noon.

These notes follow the agenda items:

- *The Committee welcomed Sue Wolfe, Vice President of Administration and Finance, to the meeting.*
- *Carbon Footprint – Marcy continues to work with her students to estimate the number of commuting miles traveled to NECC by our students, faculty and staff. She will present the findings at the end of April. Paul is working on estimating the miles traveled by the MVRTA as it relates to NECC students. When these two items have been completed the NECC carbon footprint for FY 2007 will be complete. This is the second major goal of the President's Climate Commitment.*
- *Ride Share – In compliance with the MA Department of Environmental Protection Ride Share Program, the survey is available for NECC students on the web. It was suggested that because more student involvement/input - is needed, the survey be presented at a table at the Earth Day event on April 22nd.*
- *External Funding Subcommittee Report –*
 - *This committee would like to be involved with the new "Allied Health Center" building in Lawrence;*
 - *For any solar panels, we would need a planning grant up front – Sue Wolfe suggested we investigate what is happening at other Community Colleges (Mt Wachusett, Massasoit, Cape Cod, etc), as some colleges have just received instruction from DCAM regarding roof solar panels;*
 - *Alison Cody presented the request for proposals from Coca-Cola for recycling containers that needs to be completed by mid-April.*
- *Recycling Initiative –*
 - *A "recycling" committee was formed which includes Sue Wolfe, Cliff Clarke, Dina Brown & Rhiannon Lombard to discuss recycling initiatives campus-wide and to complete the form for recycling bins from Coca-Cola;*
 - *Tom Fallon suggested we place bins at pilot spots around Campus where students eat and drink. Likely locations are the Student Center, Technology Center and Spurk;*

- *Would it be possible to have someone in each building take on the responsibility of educating students and staff regarding recycling?;*
- *Incoming students and faculty need to be educated;*
 - *Include information at student and faculty orientation sessions;*
 - *Include article in Observer newspaper.*
- *Cliff will compile a list of where recycling bins should be at the Haverhill and Lawrence campuses*
 - *Where can students/staff legally eat/drink?*
 - *What do we do with the collected cans/bottles?*
- *BHE Budget Formula – The BHE formula is the model by which we determine the needs of all the colleges. We need to do more around the incentives = sustainability & conservation & lowering of utility consumption.*
- *Food Service – This contract is up for bid. The contract needs to tell the vendor what is required re: green initiatives. As Sue Wolfe will be preparing this contract, she would like input from this committee. Dina Brown and Tom Fallon will call/email other CC's regarding their green initiatives.*
- *Campus & Community Awareness of Committee:*
 - *Genocide theme?*
 - *Sustainability theme?*
 - *This is something the committee should be thinking about.*
- *ASEE Annual Conference – Paul Chanley presented his paper titled “Professional Development Institutes on Alternative Energy” prepared for middle & HS teachers exploring the science, technology, engineering, and math behind the generation of electricity by wind, water and solar power.*
- *Community Farming on Campus?*
 - *The committee will continue discussion regarding the possibilities – it can not be an area near the lake.*
- *Earth Day is April 22, 2008 by Elaine Mawhinney.*
- *“Spring Jam” for students is at the Lawrence Campus on April 16th and at the Haverhill Campus on April 23rd.*
 - *The committee should have a table at these events with “Ride Share” information.*

*NOTE: Quincy Vale of Powerhouse Enterprises, Inc. in Lawrence will be attending the **EISC meeting scheduled for April 17, 2008 at noon in the President's Dining Room** to talk about the grant writing process relating to energy systems and long-term energy supply contracts.*

The meeting ended at 1:05pm.

Respectively submitted,

*Linda Hudson
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