

Environmental Impact & Sustainability Committee

("NECC – EISC")

Meeting Minutes

03/23/09

1:00-2:00pm PDR

In Attendance: Paul Chanley, Co-Chair; Jim Brocato; Dina Brown; Linda Cashman; Cliff Clarke; Alison Cody; Jessica Cogswell; Martha Leavitt; Marcy Vozzella; Sue Wolfe; Linda Hudson(Recorder)

Meeting began at 1pm.

- ***Signage: Linda Cashman provided sample of signage for unmowed area. It was decided that five (5) signs would be enough for that area – total cost would be approximately \$250 (\$50/sign). Sue Wolfe suggested that each sign have “Healthy Planet, Healthy Living” at bottom of poster;***
- ***Volunteers are needed to man the table(s) at the “Change a Bulb, Change the World” events at the Lawrence Campus on 4/15 and at Haverhill on April 22 (both from 11am-1pm). And, volunteers are needed for the April 16th “Neighborhood Clean-Up” event;***
 - ***It was suggested that a college-wide e-mail be sent to all staff, faculty and students regarding the “Light Bulb Initiative”;***
- ***Cliff Clarke will give tree prices to Dina Brown for the GSA organization who is interested in planting a tree on campus;***
- ***The carbon footprint information needs to be posted on the College website;***
- ***Check out the “Ban the Bottle” website – <http://www.startribune.com/lifestyle/40715837.html?elr=KArksUUUU>. We could eliminate plastics bottles at our campuses and possible partner with Barnes & Noble to purchase containers. Sue Wolfe will discuss this initiative with the Cabinet;***
- ***Check out the webinar event on communicating sustainability @ http://www.cleanair-coolplanet.org/Webinar_Registration/Archives/ Discover ways to communicate right at your desk;***
- ***Continue to discuss the action plan for becoming climate neutral –***
 - ***Based on our 2007 #'s, it was suggested that a 3% decrease per year will be the basis of the plan;***
 - ***Continue to focus on the following potential areas:***
 - ***Energy usage – gas & electricity;***
 - ***Conservation;***

- **Solar PV, wind turbines, geothermal;**
 - **Commute reduction;**
 - **Energy Star purchasing;**
 - **Tree planting'**
 - **Energy credits;**
 - **President's car;**
 - **Marketing the Green Way;**
 - **No mow areas;**
 - **Recycling of paper, cans & plastic;**
- **Tom Fallon is currently working on the Solar PV project;**
 - **The Division of Capital and Asset Management (DCAM) is working with NECC regarding the construction of the new Allied Health & Technology Building. Areas discussed:**
 - **Classroom learning opportunities;**
 - **Light sensors;**
 - **Demand for parking spaces for hybrid cars;**
 - **LEAD gold;**
 - **Groom Energy, in conjunction with National Grid, will upgrade all the lighting in the Athletic & Fitness Center with a rebate of \$43,000 (original cost: \$61,500);**
 - **It was suggested that this information should be sent in a college-wide e-mail.**

Meeting ended at 1:55pm.

Respectively submitted,

Linda Hudson