

Environmental Impact & Sustainability Committee
(“NECC – EISC”)
Meeting Minutes
5/15/08
12:00pm P. D. R.

In Attendance: Tom Fallon, Co-Chair; Jim Brocato; Dina Brown; Paul Chanley (Co-Chair) Cliff Clarke; Rhiannon Lombard; Marcy Vozzella

Recorder: Linda Hudson

Meeting began at noon.

These notes follow the agenda items:

- *The Carbon Footprint is complete with the exception of the faculty/staff commuting data. By the end of the summer, when we have received the remainder of the data, Chair Fallon will send the final footprint to committee members.*
- *2008 – 2009 Goals – Year II – What will NECC include in its Co2 reduction plan? There was discussion regarding:*
 - *All new construction – LEED Silver;*
 - *Purchasing policy –any future purchases of NECC that is appliance-based or computer product (monitors, etc.) are to be Energy Star;*
 - *Air travel offsets – Dina mentioned that some airlines are offering offsets at an extra cost;*
 - *Purchasing NECC’s electricity from renewable sources – the Committee could recommend next year to buy a portion of energy(solar, etc.);*
 - *Recycling – the committee discussed ways to determine our baseline level of paper recycling and ways to monitor amounts on a weekly basis to determine increases/decreases. We must remember that the city of Haverhill is doing this for NECC for free. Cliff brought the committee up to date on the new plastic/can recycling effort.*
- *Ride Share Community Survey – At this meeting, members present were in favor of accommodating ride-sharing efforts (ex: providing 10 appropriately marked spaces in the Spurr parking lot in Haverhill and up to 4 reserved spaces at the Franklin Street Campus) It was mentioned that the lines could be green???? Very preliminary survey results are:*
 - *77% drive a car*
 - *7% carpool*
 - *8% use the MVRTA bus*
 - *6% use the NECC shuttle*
 - *1% ride bikes to school*
 - *38% would consider taking the bus occasionally if there was a better bus schedule.*

The Committee will investigate the possibility of negotiating with the bus company for additional public transportation for Fall.

The new security contract that is going out to bid splits security from student transportation. Hopefully, the quality of student transportation (the van) will improve for Fall 2008.

- *The “Not To Be Mowed” Area”– Cliff explained that 2 acres of college land located by the walking bridge near the Gymnasium to the Technology Parking Lot will be designated as “not to be mowed”. Chair Chanley suggested that signage be put up to explain our efforts.*
- *The Committee is in favor of revisiting the unit price charged for administrative copying at NECC, hoping that staff and faculty will print less paper.*
- *Our thanks to Marcy Vozzella’s class for their presentation on the student commuting mileage.*
- *Our thanks to Jim Sullivan and his 2 sections for working on the footprint data.*
- *The Committee recommends that we pursue the solar initiative for buildings B & E. We are still in the running and if we advance a “House Doctor” will be sent to the campus to make the final determination by the Massachusetts Leading by Example Program.*
- *Plastic and Can Recycling Update – 6 bins will be placed around campus beginning July 1st. It will cost \$75 each pickup.*
- *ENERNOC - The College has entered into a contract with EnerNoc which is an energy savings resource firm that is contracted by National Grid to monitor the consumption of energy in the Northeast area. When EnerNoc contacts Cliff Clarke regarding an impending event (grid overload/brown-out condition), the College will be asked to reduce its electricity consumption for the prescribed period that would benefit not only the Northeast corridor of the country but also the College with a percentage savings rate agreed to. This is usually a period of 2-4 hours. So, we will be asked to adjust our air conditioning down/up to meet minimum agreed to consumption quotas and that we turn off electrical appliances and lights when necessary.*
- *Bike Racks – Cliff is looking into the prices of bike racks. It was suggested that a bike rack be located at or near each building. The committee supports this initiative*
- *Additional Info/Suggestions:*
 - *By next Fall, our Committee will have a Web Page. Rhiannon volunteered to develop a logo.*

- *Discussion suggested the possibility of student's homework/papers be accepted electronically, as well as encouraging faculty to do work assignments electronically. And, it was suggested to encourage more on-line courses.*
- *Press Releases about our Committee were in 2 of the local newspapers and the Observer!*

- *Our next meeting is scheduled for September.*

The meeting ended at 1:10pm.

Respectively submitted,

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