

Environmental Impact & Sustainability Committee

(“NECC – EISC”)

Meeting Minutes

10/22/08

11:00 – noon P.D.R.

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

Meeting began at 11:05am.

These minutes follow the meeting agenda:

- 1) **Replacing trees on campus:** Groundskeeper Paul Tomasz will attend the next scheduled meeting (Wednesday, November 19, 2008 at 11am in the President’s Dining Room) with information regarding the number and types of trees to be considered for purchase;
- 2) **“Energy Star” computer purchases:** At present, we do not purchase energy star computers. Co-chair Chanley distributed the recommendation letter to President Hartleb recommending that NECC purchase Energy Star personal computers for all future large volume purchases, replacements and upgrades. This action will be reviewed by President Hartleb;
- 3) **EISC Web Page:** The web page was e-mailed to members today by Co-Chair Fallon. Please review and forward any changes or additions you may have to Tom at your earliest convenience. It was also suggested that this information could be placed in the “NECC News” brochure which is compiled by Ernie Greenslade;
- 4) **Story for the Observer:** The Committee should place our “Carbon Footprint” and our accomplishments to date in an upcoming edition of the Observer. The contact is Amy Callahan;
- 5) **Sign for the Unmowed Area between at the Gym Building and the Technology Building:** Marcie Vozzella will furnish the verbiage;
- 6) **Meters:** Meters were recently installed in the Spurk “C” Building and Gym Building to measure our electricity usage. Depending on the budget, our plans are to provide meters for other buildings in the future;

7) **Discuss plan for NECC to become climate neutral:** It was suggested that the Committee concentrate on electrical and oil usage first and research the commuting issue at a later date. Cliff Clarke mentioned that presently National Grid is doing a study on our lighting and mechanical issues to let us know what route the College should proceed;

8) **Other Initiatives:**

- a. **Ride Share:** Martha Leavitt expressed what little usage the designated “carpooling” spaces are providing at the Franklin Street campus. Is it possible to remove the signs as there is limited space for parking at the Franklin Street campus? It is mandated by the state that “Ride Share” spaces be designated in school parking lots.
- b. **Recreation and Intramurals** is holding a fund-raiser/recycling program to collect used cell phones and small electronic devices (cell phones, palm-size inkjet cartridges, etc.). These donations are presently being dropped off at the Sport & Fitness Center (Snack Bar) and the Security Office (Spark “C” Building) and at the Student Engagement Center, Room 131 at the Franklin Street Campus. Proceeds will benefit NECC Athletics and Student Engagement. Please contact Dina Brown for more information.
- c. Martha Leavitt inquired if the City of Lawrence could pick up recycling (cans & bottles) products curbside at the Lawrence Campus.
- d. It was suggested that a “carpooling” blurb be sent out college-wide or included in NECC publications regarding the spaces available at both campuses.

The meeting ended at 11:45am.

Respectively submitted,

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