

Environmental Impact & Sustainability Committee

Meeting Minutes

9/14/09 @ 1pm PDR

In Attendance: Dina Brown, Cliff Clarke, Alison Cody, Jessica Cogswell, Tom Fallon (Co-Chair), Linda Hudson, Martha Leavitt, Marcy Vozzella (Co-Chair)

Meeting began at 1:10pm.

- *The following documents were distributed:*
 - *FY2010 Plan to Reduce CO2 Emissions by 3% - draft*
 - *Carbon Footprint for FY2008*

- *Items discussed:*
 - *The **Solar PV Project** is not on the front burner, but it is still on the burner to be discussed at a later date. Stimulus funding is not available at the current time. This needs to go through DCAM (Division of Capital Asset Management);*
 - *The **Wind Turbine Project** also needs to go through DCAM. NECC property is not suitable for a wind turbine. Ayers Hill is the highest point in Haverhill. Tom will keep the committee updated with the project. If the college can't find a suitable location in Haverhill then we will look to partner with a community in our service area that has acceptable wind levels;*
 - *How are we going to persuade the College to reduce the **Carbon Footprint** by 3% each year? We are close to meeting our 3% reduction of carbon emissions this year, but what are we going to do next year? We need to encourage the College Community to reduce our Footprint and this requires better marketing efforts. We need to come up with a better **marketing plan**. We need to educate the faculty and staff on the PCC and sustainability in general. It is difficult to find our "Committee Energy Information and Updates" on the NECC website. Is it possible to have an "energy button" on the front page?*
 - *EnerNOC was discussed and it became evident that the college entered into TWO contracts: EnerNOC and a separate one with National Grid that effects our "energy costs". The peak "usage" energy day is very relevant to our bill. Tom will look into the "**EnerNOC**" initiative here at NECC;*

- We need to make sure we buy all **“energy star”** personal computers & equipment in the future. We also need to discuss with IT the plan to make all our older PC's sleep when not in use;

- What does the Committee want to focus on? Tom suggested we complete our **“Carbon Emmissions Reduction Plan”** and then meet with the President. The President should know the plan well. Then we should have a period where the college community gives input and we can refine it further. The next step would be the Trustees. This plan will direct our energy for future years. Once the Trustees approve, then the plan must be discussed internally & externally.

- Dina suggested we increase our **recycling efforts**. She suggested there should be 3 bins in each office. It was also suggested that each classroom should have bins as well. The committee should draft a formal policy for recycling efforts. Alison is collecting information regarding recycling receptacles and will set up a **“working group”** to discuss these efforts.

- Please **come prepared to each meeting** with any handouts or information e-mailed to you for discussion at upcoming meetings.

NOTE: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2009 from 1-2pm in the President's Dining Room.

Meeting ended at 2pm.

Respectively submitted,

Linda Hudson