President’s Climate Commitment & Sustainability Committee

Minutes-Tuesday, February 2, 2010


1. **Acceptance of minutes of last meeting**—Last meetings minutes accepted as submitted.
2. **Discuss appointments for new sub-committees**.

Discussion was deferred because there were not a sufficient number of attendees.

**Update on the audit of our recycle program**—The audit was completed. The committee recommended deferring implementation until the Director of Sustainability is hired. P. Righi provided a report stating that Recyclemania is a 10 week competition. Our results so far in the first two weeks which are trial weeks are as follows:

Week 1- 1835 lbs of trash recycled that is paper, cardboard, bottles and cans. No trash was hauled from our compactor this week.

Week 2-2170 lbs of trash recycled that is paper, cardboard, bottles and cans. 9780 lbs of trash was hauled from our compactor. So our percentage of recycled materials was 18.6%. That is compared with last year’s number of 4.47%.

This second week places us in the middle of the pack among all schools nationwide. We need to be in the 50-60% range to be near the top.

3. **Report on strategies in GreenPACT that are being implemented in FY09**—
   a. **Retro fitting 2000 fixtures in E-Building**—J. Steffano stated that it is 60% complete and we had our first rebate approved last month.
   b. **Marketing program for “green cards” to offset emissions from college community vehicles**—The committee recommend deferring this activity until Director of Sustainability is hired.
   c. **Replace boiler #3**—The installation of the new boiler is completed, tested, accepted and operating.
   d. **Installing sensors for ceiling fixtures**—One sample sensor was installed-audit concluded it was not cost effective in classrooms- we will have more tests and will be further evaluated.
   e. **Upgrade the building management system**—The architecture upgrade of our building management system is completed and operating—we have two companies looking at ways to cut down on energy. We requested DCAM to audit our energy use for ways to reduce operating costs.

4. **Miscellaneous Items**:
   a. **Report on actions from last meeting**—no actions
   b. **Other**—DCAM paid fee and submitted our application for LEED gold certification for the Health & Wellness Center with 41 credits (requires 39 credits). Comments/acceptance from the Green Building Council on the documentation submitted for each credit is expected within 25 days.

5. **Next meeting**: Tuesday, March 2, 2010 in E-236, 1-2:15
6. **Adjournment**—2:35

Respectfully submitted by John Chirichiello