Presidents’ Commitment to Climate & Sustainability Committee

Feb 4th 2014 1:00 G138

Meeting Notes

Present: Karalyn Gau, Marcela Rodriguez, Michael D’Entremont, Oscar Pena, Michael Boyle, Krista Reichert, Rob Whitman, Scott Benjamin; Julie Lambert

1: Facilities Updates
   a. No updates reported

2: Campus Sustainability Updates
   a. Karen Norton is updating the Sustainability Website for the College
      i. Streamlining content to match rest of College’s site
   b. Sustainability Club is planning events for Earth Week

3: Greening Campus Events
   c. Committee discussed working on greening some aspect of food on BHCC campus
      i. Food Committee—meeting with FAME about issues with food
      ii. Sustainability of food has been brought up as a potential issue in that committees discussions
      iii. PCCC Committee discussed idea of working with FAME and Events to create some kind of green events policy or guideline
      iv. Rob suggested the best place to start is to invite FAME and Events to our meeting to learn what they are already doing before drafting ideas
      v. Committee decided to invite Events to next meeting and FAME to subsequent meeting

4: Earth Week Activities
   a. Krista described the Events being planned by the students in the sustainability club for this year’s Earth Week
   b. Committee discussed ideas of planning an event with the students for the whole campus
      i. Committee discussed planning a recognition event to honor student projects, faculty/staff projects, office projects etc.
      a. Tentative dates discussed although multiple conflicts exist.
      b. Mike suggested an open-mic event where anyone would be able to talk about their project for a few minutes.
c. Committee discussed giving recognition to any projects that self-identify or that are nominated
   i. Include projects where students/faculty/staff worked with the Office of Sustainability or were funded by OSM
   ii. Recognize all projects through open mic and highlight 3-4 projects for longer
       1. Need to identify projects that could be highlighted for 5-10 minutes
           a. “Showcase” of some of the many projects

d. Karalynn suggested we use Qualtrics to have the community submit nominations
   i. Draft language of the survey to be created/reviewed for next meeting

5. Next Meeting: March 4th
   a. Meet with Events
   b. Showcase Event