Presidents’ Commitment to Climate & Sustainability Committee

Feb 4th 2015 1:00 G138

Meeting Notes

Present: Karalynn Gau, Marcela Rodriguez, Michael D’Entremont, Oscar Pena, Michael Boyle, Krista Reichert, Scott Benjamin; Julie Lambert; Mary Geiser, Marcea Taylor

1. Announcements
   a. Marcea announced that the upcoming internship fair would feature sustainable companies. She will be emailing students.

2. Update on GHG Reporting
   a. GHG calculations for entire school complete but uploading reporting is delayed
      i. Website discontinued use of calculator and new input fields not accepting data entry
         1. Scott has had difficulty entering data as he had before
      ii. Issue with new way of reporting GHG per sq. ft. on website
         1. Committee brainstormed how to calculate gross area of campus
            a. Scott will ask Paul for copies of blueprints if the school still has them
               i. Committee is unsure if floor plans and blue prints are still available for the school
         iii. Issue with fiscal year vs academic year for reporting
             1. Website asks for fiscal year reporting for enrollment data, BHCC collects enrollment data based on academic year
                a. Marilyn confirmed that it isn’t possible to determine fiscal year enrollment due to FTE changes during summer semesters
                b. Committee decided it was best to include a footnote in reporting that enrollment data is based on academic year.
                   i. It is expected that all other campuses report enrollment on an academic year basis.
        iv. Issue with estimating number of employees
            1. Committee discussed whether or not this included student tutors and adjuncts
               a. Julie mentioned that the number of positions open for tutors remains the same (different people, same open position).
               b. Mike mentioned Human Resources as a source for number of all employees and will follow up to complete data acquisition.
      b. Once these issues are resolved reporting and progress reporting can be uploaded.

3. Post-Reporting Committee Activity
a. Committee discussed options for semester and year long activity once reporting is complete
   i. Committee discussed making the data more widely accessible
      1. Committee discussed the idea of reviewing the reporting results and action plan with facilities to share input for remaining years of reporting.
   ii. Committee discussed Spring 2015 events or activities post reporting
      1. Mike suggested Committee host another Showcase Event
         a. Committee decided Campus Sustainability Week in Fall may be better time than Earth Week
         i. Similar format but less formal suggested
         ii. Use of D Lounge suggested
         b. Julie suggested using both qualtrics and poster boards in the Forum to promote nominations
         c. Krista will follow up with Events about possible budget for event
         d. Committee brainstormed possible nominees to showcase
            i. Campus Events, Art Gallery, CIT were among ideas so far
         e. Discussion was tabled to next meeting pending information on budget and date availability