Sustainability Committee Meeting  Wednesday May 07, 2014 12:00 P.M. U-229

In Attendance:

John Wojciechowski, Jacob Deininger, David Kanoy, Gena McKinley, Teresa Criser, Dale Brown, Cindy Ramsey, Stephanie Sosinski, & Abby Perry

Topics of Discussion:

Ongoing Business:

- **April Meeting Minutes** were approved by the group.

- **Website**: Jacob Deininger reported that committee members have the ability to add content to the site by logging on using their MyCFCC credentials or by contacting Jacob. The suggestion was made that a series of short interviews of people making a difference in sustainability at CFCC could be published to the site.

- **Membership**: Gena McKinley reported that overall Spring Fling was a success and thanked Dale Brown for the bookstore’s donation of recycled notebooks and pens as well as reusable bags. There were many new contacts to be added to the Sustainability Committee email list based on tabling at the events. This renewed discussion about the creation of two separate email lists for the committee. Abby Perry will create a “Sustainability Committee Member List” to send communication to the committee and to those interested in participating in committee meetings and a “Sustainability Committee Volunteer List” to send communications concerning events and opportunities to volunteer with the committee. The need for the creation of a “Green Team” to create grass roots student involvement and developing eye catching informational literature and table activities for future school events will be discussed at a future date.

New Business:

**Committee Member Appointments**: With the expiration of service for several committee members, the need for continuity was discussed. The committee would like the ability to recommend members for appointment based on the needs of the committee. It was cited that the inclusion of Kim Gant and Ken Pearce on the committee due to their integral roles at the college was key to committee success as well as the need for the development of committee officers.

**Student Orientation**: July 15, 2014 is Student Orientation. The committee cited the need to integrate sustainability into the student body’s first engagement with the school in order to build awareness. Recommendation will be made that Student Services help students gain awareness of important sustainability issues relevant to CFCC as part of the orientation process. At the June committee meeting, the committee will discuss a draft recommendation to Student Services that recommends the inclusion of information on sustainability in student orientation materials. John
Wojciechowski will research the topic and contact Jackie Foster and Lewis Stroud to determine what the process is for inclusion.

**Sustainability Meeting hosted by Kim Gant:** Many of the Sustainability committee members attended the second meeting on sustainability hosted by Kim Gant on Monday May 2, 2014. Those in attendance came to a general agreement that the institutional push toward sustainability is positive but the creation of a second group working on sustainability initiatives was confusing and potentially divisive.

**Strategic Initiative -Sustainability:** Discussion centered on the recommendation by Kim Gant for the committee to frame a proposal for a Sustainability Initiative to be inserted into the CFCC Strategic Initiative to present to the Board of Trustees. The committee will plan a small working group meeting with Kim Gant for guidance and information necessary for writing the proposal. A document draft will be discussed at the June meeting of the committee before its submission to the Board. It was suggested that a group of members present the idea at the CFCC Planning Retreat on June 19th.

**STARS:** John Wojciechowski presented for review a draft recommendation for CFCC participation in the STARS program. The recommendation will be submitted to both Kim Gant and Pat Hogan for consideration and finalization before it is presented to Dr. Spring. The need for a Sustainability Coordinator was again sited due to the high level of data collection and coordination within the college and with the STARS program.

A STARS conference will be held in late October. A suggestion was made that a contingency from the committee attend the conference to gain a fuller understanding of our starting point with the program.

**June Meeting:** The June meeting will be held to finalize paperwork for administration. Jacob Deininger will send out a poll to determine the best time for the most members. There will be no meeting for July. The August meeting will be to develop promotional kick off for sustainability for the 2014-2015 calendar years.