Sustainability Committee Meeting    Tuesday October, 2014 1:00 P.M. U-225

In Attendance:

John Wojciechowski, Jacob Deininger, David Kanoy, Pat Hogan, Gena Mc Kinley, & Abby Perry

Topics of Discussion:

Ongoing Business:

September Meeting Minutes will be approved by the group via email because a committee majority was not present to vote.

Website: Please continue to contact Jacob with content to add to the site.

ECO Team: Stephanie Sosinski and Ariel Chornsbay were not able to attend meeting to be able to give an update on the club’s progress. The club is meeting bi-monthly and working toward establishing membership and consistency.

Campus Outreach: Gena Mc Kinley agreed to create a calendar of events to better plan for tabling opportunities and assist with the organization of volunteers and suggested that outreach would be a strong area for the ECO Team to become involved with the committee. It was suggested that the club create interactive table exhibits addressing sustainability issues as well as provide table volunteers to engage table visitors and inform them about the club and its activities.

Battery Recycling Initiative: Jacob Deininger reported that the battery recycling initiative continues to be working well.

Update on Resolution to Include Sustainability as a CFCC Strategic Initiative: The final draft Resolution to Include Sustainability as a CFCC Strategic Initiative was not approved by Dr. Spring. The resolution was sent back to the committee with the suggestion that the committee instead write and present to the CFCC Board of Trustees a draft resolution seeking approval for the inclusion of sustainability as part of the Strategic Plan. Ensuing conversation centered on defining the difference between being a strategic initiative verses being part of a strategic plan. The committee agreed to seek approval from the Board of Trustees for sustainability to become a permanent part of the strategic goals with the stated goal of making sustainability institutionalized at CFCC. As a result, John Wojciechowski will write a Resolution to Institutionalize Sustainability Efforts at CFCC with the goal of formally presenting it to the Board of Trustees in January of 2015.

Solar Powered Bus Shelter: Abby Perry reported that initial inquiries to Megan Matheny, Director of Planning & Development at WAVE transit, concerning the feasibility of solar powered shelters on Downtown and North Campus bus stops resulted in positive results. Matheny stated in an email that the project “may be a good fit” and mentioned Wave Transit recently received a grant that would allow the Cape Fear Public Transit to purchase and install several shelters. John Woj. has a Sustainability Tech student interested in creating a proposal for a solar bus stop as a Senior Capstone Project. If the
Capstone Project is a feasibility study, it could become a presentation to Wave Transit for implementing the bus shelters. It was also suggested that ECO Team create and implement a data collection survey to gage use of the bus system, what locations students are arriving from, & reasons for student resistance to using the bus system.

**New Business:**

**Pink Trash:** A representative from Pink Trash was contacted and agreed to join the committee for its November meeting to discuss the college’s contract and give perspective on proposed recycling on campus.

**Sustainability Awareness Month:** It was agreed that committee efforts needs to be focused on drafting and seeking approval for the *Resolution to Institutionalize Sustainability Efforts* before developing a Sustainability Awareness Month. Abby Perry proposed an initial goal of developing educational initiatives and programming around sustainability for a January 2016 time frame.

**November Meeting:** The November meeting will be the second week of November. Voting for the date and time by committee members will be by email poll and announced to the college by email.

**Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM**