Sustainability Committee Meeting  Thursday January 20, 2015 U-410 11:00 AM

In Attendance:

John Wojciechowski, Jacob Deininger, David Kanoy, Cindy Ramsey, Gena McKinley, Jessica Rutherford-Garner & Abby Perry

Topics of Discussion:

Ongoing Business:

November & December Meeting Minutes: November & December meeting minutes were approved by the committee.

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

ECO Club: Stephanie reported that the ECO Club is in transition due to recruitment and leadership loss. Moving forward Stephanie will take control of planning to ensure continuity. It was suggested that the club be promoted as a special interest group. A sandwich board with ECO Club information will be created to help promote the club and CFCC public relations office will be relied upon to announce club activities.

Events: Gena McKinley will be accumulating needed information concerning dates for tabling at Spring Fling as well as making inquiries into College Night and Earth Day at Hugh McCrae Park. Anyone with ideas for events that the committee should be involved with please contact Gena.

Recycling Initiative: John Woj. introduced the committee to Jessica Rutherford-Garner a student in the CFCC Sustainability Technology program. Jess will be completing an independent study involving the creation of an internal plan for recycling at CFCC as a Capstone Project for her program of study. In the Fall 2014 semester Jess interned with New Hanover County Environmental Management.

Jess will be assessing internal collection and sorting on CFCC campuses in order to create an Internal Recycling Initiative Plan for CFCC. She will begin by looking at current waste management procedures in place on campus under the mentorship of Shaun Kiviat of Pink Trash. Data accumulated about what kind of waste is being produced and where it is going on campus will be used to draft a feasibility study to present to administration concerning the need for a recycling program at CFCC.

Alice Hawkins Assistant Superintendent of Custodial Services will be asked to join the February meeting to discuss waste management procedures from the custodial perspective. It will be requested that she bring an example of a custodial cart. This will allow for an assessment of current collection.

At the March Sustainability Committee Meeting, the Director of Maintenance and Custodial will be invited to provide a facilities perspective on recycling at CFCC. The committee will look at recycling bin options to see which ones best suit different needs throughout the college. This will allow specific recommendations to be made.
Transportation:

An email to the college sent on December 19, 2014 by Lynn Sylvia, CFCC Parking Coordinator was noted due to its relevance to the ECO Team’s Bus Survey and the initiative to work toward solar powered bus shelters on CFCC campuses. Sylvia is on the Cape Fear Region’s Transportation Demand Management Committee. The committee’s goal is to “create a comprehensive guideline regarding transportation, transportation services and parking in the Greater Cape Fear Region.” The email stated the following:

“The Cape Fear Region’s Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Committee has developed a plan to attract and retain talent through enticing opportunities to get to and from work. This plan, Work Cape Fear: Expanding Commuter Options in the Cape Fear Region, provides a toolkit for employers to help determine what strategies could benefit their organization regarding attractive transportation options for employees. The plan also provides guidance for local jurisdictions and other government agencies regarding implementation of strategies that would benefit the employers…”

The committee will invite Lynn Sylvia to the February meeting. Stephanie Sosinski will contact Sylvia to inform her of the Bus Survey created by the ECO Team and ask her if the committee can insert their opinion into the developing conversation concerning transportation.

In the fall semester, Abby Perry made inquiries to Megan Matheny, Director of Planning & Development at WAVE Transit, to see what requirements are necessary for building bus shelters on CFCC campus and if it was possible to have a design by a CFCC student utilized. Matheny provided specs for an NCDOT approved shelter design. She stated in an email that the standards “do not have to be met for shelters placed on public/private property (property for commercial businesses, schools, etc.).” She also stated: “Wave Transit just received a grant that would allow us to purchase and install several shelters. We understand this is a need within the community. We have worked through the necessary regulations, permitting and grant process and are excited to see this project begin to come to fruition.” Matheny will also be invited to the February meeting to begin laying groundwork toward bus shelters on campus.

Update on Resolution to Include Sustainability as a CFCC Strategic Initiative: John Wojciechowski has finalized the proposal and it will be send to Michelle Lee with a request to present at a future Board of Trustees meeting.

New Business:

February Meeting: The February meeting has been set for Thursday, February 19, 2015 @ 11:00am - 1:00pm (if we need to go that long) in Room S-317 (Note the New Location)

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM