Sustainability Committee Meeting Thursday October 15, 2015 L-210 11:00 AM

In Attendance:

John Wojciechowski, David Kanoy, Kevin Baldwin, Abby Spangel Perry, Karly Dahlin, and Kat Pohlman.

Topics of Discussion:

Ongoing Business:

Meeting Minutes: August meeting minutes were not approved by committee because not enough members were in attendance. The minutes will be sent out via email for approval.

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

Transportation:

CFCC Sustainability/ Wave Transit Bus Pass Scholarship- The CFCC Sustainability/ Wave Transit Bus Pass Scholarship is pending due to announcement of CFCC mini-grants. The next step in implementing the scholarship will be to set criteria for eligibility. A test study scholarship is planned for Spring 2016 semester with the further goal of funding two scholarships for Fall 2016.

CFCC/ Wave Transit Brochure- A CFCC/ Wave Transit Bus Brochure for distribution at locations around campus will be designed pending the decision to fund CFCC Sustainability/ Wave Transit Bus Pass Scholarship.

CFCC/ Wave Transit Bus Stop- The idea of having a solar powered bus shelter with charging station on the downtown campus was revisited. Further discussion concerning turning the courtyard behind the library into a transportation hub centered around the problem of a named memorial garden with established trees that would need to be relocated. The existing location at 2nd and Red Cross St. is still ideal for a bus shelter, but not ideal for a transportation hub. The bus shelter can be planned and engineered as a Sustainability Technology Capstone project or purchased as a pre-made structure and installed. The third option of relocating the existing bus stop from in front of the E Building was also suggested.

Eco Team: Stephanie Sosinski reported that Eco Team was not yet active for the school year via email. The committee discussed putting Eco Team to rest and relying on SGA and already established clubs such as Surfrider CFCC and CFCC Green Building Club to assist with working with the student body.

Battery Recycling Station: It was reported that the Battery Recycling Initiative is gaining strong support on campus. 131 pounds of batteries were dropped in bins located around campus within a 6 month period. There are two locations in the downtown library, one in Union Station in Student Services, and locations in the NB Building, Early College and in the North Campus library. A station will also be placed in the new HFAC building when it opens.

Campus Wide Recycling Initiative: Surfrider CFCC Club will be working on a Recycling Petition with the goal of building grassroots support for the need for comprehensive recycling on campus with the support of SGA.
Carolina Recycling Conference: The upcoming Carolina Recycling Conference will be held in Wilmington. The organization offers assistance with cost/savings analysis and could potentially assist with constructing and funding a recycling program.

Update on Resolution to Include Sustainability as a CFCC Strategic Initiative: The committee will seek advice on how to proceed with the resolution from Pat Hogan.

New Business

EV Charging Stations: The committee will work on an initiative to have EV charging stations placed on campus. David Kanoy is Project Manager for the new construction on the North Campus and will advocate for the stations. It will be necessary for the charging company selected for the project to build a pedestal, Montheith Construction to provide a cost analysis, and to have approval from Facilities. Companies inquiring about the project will need to submit a proposal which includes cost for electricity.

UNCW Compost Initiative: Kat Pohlman, UNCW’s Sustainability Coordinator, presented her Compost Initiative to the committee. She would like to engage CFCC in a joint plan with UNCW and New Hanover County school system to create a compost program. Union Station and the Culinary Program would be ideal for a pilot initiative. The committee will reach out to Val Mason as well as Pink Trash and Nick McGimsey in Purchasing to begin conversation.

Water Refill Stations: John Woj. will draft a resolution requesting water refill stations on campus and present it for discussion at the November committee meeting.

CFCC Sustainability Awareness Week: Abby Perry is working to create CFCC Sustainability Awareness Week for January 2016. CFCC Humanities and Fine Art Department as well as Green Building Club and Surfrider CFCC will be holding events. If interested in participating contact Abby Perry.

Meeting Time: The last several meetings have had low attendance. As a result the committee will hold its next meeting on a Friday 1:00 PM to try to improve turn out.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM