Sustainability Committee Meeting  

Friday January 15, 2016 L-201 9:00 AM

In Attendance:

John Wojciechowski, David Kanoy, Kevin Baldwin, Abby Spangel Perry, Stephanie Sosinski, Karly Dahlin, Nick McGimsey, and Wellington De Souza.

Topics of Discussion:

Ongoing Business:

Meeting Minutes: The last month’s minutes were sent out via email for approval.

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

UNCW Compost Initiative: Kevin reported he is waiting to hear back from Kat concerning Letter of Commitment and waiting to hear from Val whether she is able to commit to a pilot composting program.

E-waste Initiative: Nick reported that the e-waste bins have been approved for purchase, the Purchase Order is now with the vendor and he is waiting on a proof. An account has been set up in the Business Office for receipt of funds from sale of e-waste. Bins will be ready for 2/15 unveiling for S.A.W. He will contact Public Relations Office to help with marketing a ribbon cutting event for Union Station the week of S.A.W. Nick will speak at the event to promote the e-waste program. Three bins will be placed- one at Union Station, one at “S” Building by Security Desk, and one at Mckeehan Center. Protocol must be established for drop off of larger equipment as well as signage. Eco Team and John’s work study student will work with Nick and Shipping & Receiving Office to set up collection protocol.

CFCC Sustainability Awareness Week: CFCC Sustainability Awareness Week is set for February 15-19th. Individuals planning activities should list information about the event in the S.A.W. Calendar, a Google Docs set up by Abby. Individuals planning an activity or event are asked to edit the table with information so that it can be used for promotion.

Activities planned todate: Green Career Panel, E-waste Recycling bin unveiling, presentation by Plastic Ocean Project in conjunction with showing of documentary “Into the Gyre”, environmental artist talk at Wilma Daniels Gallery in conjunction with environmentally themed group art show, Library display, Sustainability Pledge, Paper Reduction Plan- Is Print Necessary talk, Union Station LEED Certification plaque unveiling, and E-waste bin unveiling and talk.

The idea was floated that healthy and locally-sourced food trucks could possibly be part of Sustainability Week. Wellington mentioned that the relationship between the college and the existing food truck vendors is very tricky as the margins are low and the vendors will not accept any competition. Wellington will try to carve out one or two lunch slots during that week, when we could invite other food trucks to serve the campuses. Steph suggested Vittles.

Steph and Karly will be setting up a table during Sustainability Week to try to solicit interest in the revival of ECOteam. They will try to partner with SGA for this table. Karly will be setting up some sort of waste demonstration at the table. Perhaps SGA would be interested in getting students to sign a "sustainability pledge."
David K. will be looking into the LEED plaque for Union Station, to see if it can be purchased in time for an unveiling during Sustainability Week. He talked to Ken Pierce about it and apparently the college is interested in getting it at some point. David will talk to LS3P the architects to see if they can streamline the ordering of the plaque and also to see if they would be interested in helping pay for it. The project manager at LS3P is Laura Miller.

**Recycling:** Wellington De Souza joined the meeting to discuss how to move forward with a recycling initiative for the college. Karly is working on a 16 week *Internal Recycling Plan* as a Capstone Project for Sustainability Technology. She will be conducting a waste audit to generate data and gauge the types of trash different locations throughout campus produce. She will track trends to develop a snapshot view of waste at CFCC. To begin, Wellington will connect Karly with Custodial Services, Maintenance, and Pink Trash. The goal of the project will be to assess where we are as a school, assess practicalities, what cost and change is involved, where funding will come from, and develop and enact a procedure. An overall initiative will need to be developed. A bin strategy will need to be conceptualized. From this, a general plan can be created with input from faculty, staff, and students who are the end users.

**New Business**

**Metals Recycling:** Kevin mentioned that the college is getting a new metals recycling bin for North Campus. It will be placed in a location TBD. An announcement on the use of the metal bin can be part of Sustainability Awareness week (add to list). It was mentioned that wiring should go to e-waste not metals bin where it gets a higher rate of return.

**Meeting Minutes:** Steph volunteered to take over the Secretary duties effective the next meeting. She will be sending her schedule to Jacob to ensure that meetings are scheduled when she is available. The committees organizer (Ken Huffman) needs to be contacted about the change.

**Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM**