Sustainability Committee Meeting Thursday February 11, 2016 L-210 1:00 PM

In Attendance:

John Wojciechowski, Steph Sosinski, Jacob Deininger, David Kanoy, Kevin Baldwin, Abby Spangel Perry, and Karly Dahlin.

Topics of Discussion:

Ongoing Business:

Meeting Minutes: January Meeting Minutes will be approved through email.

Sustainability Awareness Week (SAW): Publicity was discussed; Abby coordinated with David Hardin about printing posters and flyers for SAW events. Jacob offered to have work-study student distribute approved materials around campus.

Abby will send CFALL emails for individual SAW events throughout the week. Reviewing the events calendar, Abby, John Woj., Jacob D., Kevin B., and Karly D. confirmed that their events were planned and ready, and a reminder by Abby was made to make sure all events were updated in the calendar if changes were needed. The only event that needed clarification was the unveiling of the new E-waste program by Nick McGimsey, for Thur. 02/18 at 11am. Abby will email Nick for what this event will entail exactly.

David K. informed the Committee that a 16” glass LEED Certification plaque was purchased for Union Station, but will not be ready for presenting until after SAW. Discussion on where the plaque will be displayed is underway. David mentioned that the 5th floor near Daniels Hall is being considered, but John W. emphasized that the plaque would be most visible somewhere in the lobby near the entrance. The Sustainability Committee will advocate for displaying the plaque in the Union Station lobby.

ECO Update: Karly confirmed that ECO will table Mon. 02/15-Wed. 02/17 in the Union Station lobby, from 10am-4pm. Karly sent out a Doodle poll to ECO students for covering the table for as many times as possible. The table and recycled bottle art installation will stay in the lobby for the duration of the entire week. ECO will also assist with the Sustainability Pledge and gaining CFCC employee and student signatures. Discussion was had about what display would be best for presenting accumulated pledge forms – Jacob offered to Karly that she could check out a whiteboard and easel from Library Circ. Desk. Abby offered to provide small whiteboard for people to hold if they wanted their picture taken with their pledge. Photos will be submitted to Jacob to put up on the website post SAW.

CFCC Sustainability Pledge: Jacob crafted and formatted a working copy of the CFCC Sustainability Pledge as a Google Form. He posted it on the Sustainability Committee website: http://libguides.cfcc.edu/Sustainability/Pledge. The pledge was reviewed and approved by the Committee unanimously. The pledge will be open to all CFCC employees and students. Jacob will email the Google form link to Abby, Steph S., and Karly to access and print for the ECO table in the Union Station lobby. Karly suggested adding a measuring stick “thermometer” graphic for tracking number of
responses. Jacob said he could work on adding a graphic to the website for the total number of responses post-SAW.

**CFCC Committees:** Jacob showed the Sustainability Committee the new Committees tab on the myCFCC homepage - [https://my.cfcc.edu/group/mycampus/committees](https://my.cfcc.edu/group/mycampus/committees), which displays a calendar with all CFCC Committee events and meeting times. Jacob will make sure that the Sustainability Committee events and meetings are updated there as well as on the SC website.

**Karly/CFCC Waste Audit Capstone Project:** The audit is officially underway as of today; Karly and some student volunteers began by sorting through trash from the main downtown campus dumpster behind the SAN buildings earlier in the morning and will continue until 4pm. Another sorting will be conducted on Tue. 02/16, from 10am-4pm. The purpose of the sorting is to determine how much waste CFCC accumulates on a weekly basis and how much of that total is eligible for recycling as opposed to being thrown in the landfill. Karly has already spoken with a Pink Trash representative, but mentioned that she had some difficulty in communicating with Pink Trash. Karly mentioned that she felt “talked down to” when discussing CFCC’s current waste management plan, and was directed to speak with CFCC Maintenance if changes in trash and recycling were desired. Karly also needs to verify accurate Pink Trash collection times, (which may be different than she was told; Tuesdays and Fridays.) Karly met with James Parker this morning to discuss possibility of switching out current dumpsters with ones that will be outfitted for recycling pick-up. Parker raised concerns about increased costs of service and custodial staff training, and was not very open to the idea. John W. suggested that Karly emphasize to others in future meetings that this audit is an analysis, not a formal plan as of yet. Data gathering and results will be organized into a suggested waste management plan after the audit is finished.

**New Business:**

Kevin B. mentioned that an anonymous employee had submitted a cost/benefit analysis of how CFCC could switch all lighting to LED. David K. added that the state of North Carolina had passed a bill a few years ago that required new buildings being constructed to have efficient lighting, including LED’s (the Humanities & Fine Arts building is outfitted with LED lighting as much as possible.) It is more expensive to retrofit older buildings with LED however, and cost is prohibitive.

**Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM**