In Attendance:
John Wojciechowski, Steph Sosinski, Jacob Deininger, Abby Spangel Perry, David Kanoy, and Karly Dahlin

Topics of Discussion

Ongoing Business:
Meeting Minutes: March Meeting Minutes will be approved through email.

SC Membership: Woj. spoke with Ken Hufham about membership for Committees – potential members can be recommended by each Committee, but are ultimately designated by the Committee on Committees. If you have a suggestion or know of someone who is interested in joining the Sustainability Committee, email Committee Chair John Wojciechowski.

ECO Update: ECO is currently holding weekly meetings, and has submitted a club renewal form on the SGA website with a list of official members. ECO is currently focused on planning for the upcoming CFCC Earth Day Fest sponsored by SGA. Event Details:

What: CFCC Earth Day Fest!
When: April 22nd 2016 (official Earth Day) 10am-2pm
Where: Union Station Amphitheater
How: Free food, raffles, live music, activities, Campus Recycling Initiative and more!

*It was noted by the Woj. that CFCC’s EarthFest event conflicts with UNCW’s “Green Futures” event on the same day.

CFCC Bus Transportation Scholarship: The Committee still needs to secure funding to sustain the newly created Bus Transportation Scholarship. It was initially funded for SP2016 semester through a CFCC mini-grant, but additional funding must be in place to provide the scholarship for following semesters. The scholarship proved to be successful for its first semester, with providing semester-long bus passes to 2 anonymous students. The criteria for student eligibility was decided at the SC’s January meeting, and included statements regarding overall GPA, transportation need, and economic need. Woj. will inquire with Pat Whitfield in Financial Aid to explore funding options.

E-Waste Collection Stations: Initial reporting of newly installed e-waste collection stations in the A Bldg, Union Station, and McKeithan Center on North Campus was good; all stations are being utilized and routine collection by volunteers is happening. Collection needs to continue to be monitored, especially with transporting from North Campus to Shipping & Receiving at Downtown campus. It is important to keep the bins emptied on a regular basis to encourage consistent usage by CFCC students, faculty, and staff.

Battery Recycling: Jacob reported that the library bins are steady in collection, with the one by the south entrance receiving the most. Continue to check the Sustainability Committee webpage for updates on how many batteries total are being recycled at CFCC!
Karly/CFCC Waste Audit Capstone Project: The last waste collection audit was completed at North Campus, and the last raw data to record is the mapping of current trashcans in the NAS Buildings, Union Station, and the McKeithan Center on North Campus. Karly has recruited ECO members to help with mapping, and once that is done, Karly will organize and formalize the data into her final report. Karly was advised by Woj. and Committee to focus on one “best practice” recycling plan strategy instead of multiple options, and include thorough analyses of campus recycling policy-writing, and effective campus awareness campaign strategies.

Karly mentioned that she had been researching different ways that academic institutions recycle in classrooms and offices, and what size recycling bins were used. Karly highlighted the recycling “buddy” bin, which hooks onto existing trashcans (smaller size,) and then larger “center” style collection bins for higher-traffic common areas. Another option Karly discussed was making recycling bins larger than trashcans in classrooms/offices, if the data supports that CFCC throws away more recycleables then defined trash.

New Business:

Rain Garden Installation Project at North Campus: New Hanover County Soil & Water Conservation Dept. is interested in providing CFCC with a grant to build a rain garden on campus. Woj. and other Committee members were invited to meet with Director Dru Harrison to discuss grant allocation, site preference, plant selections, and details for installing the rain garden. The meeting was held on North Campus on Tue. April 12th at 11:30am. The Committee discussed North Campus as being the ideal site for the rain garden due to the specific landscaping and landscaping academic program being there. More details to come.

*Next Meeting: The May meeting will be the last meeting of the semester. Date/Time TBA.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM