Sustainability Committee Meeting  

Friday, September 2nd 2016  

L-201  1:00 PM

In Attendance:

John Wojciechowski, Jacob Deininger, David Kanoy, Ben Billingsley, Laura Moore, and Karly Dahlin

Topics of Discussion

Ongoing Business:

Welcome: New members to the committee include Ben Billingsley, Laura Moore, John Lowe, Katherine Maidman, Kathleen Martinez, and Jessica Stafford.

SC Membership: John Wojciechowski mentioned the process of transferring the position of committee chair. He recommended Jacob Deininger as the next chair for the committee. John will investigate further with Catherine Lee and the Committee on Committees to see what the rules for transition/nomination should be.

EV Charging Station: The North Campus A&ET building is moving towards adding two EV charging stations in the near future. More details to come...

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.

Sustainability Websites: Jacob gave a quick update/overview of our Sustainability public page: http://libguides.cfcc.edu/Sustainability and blog: http://cfcc.edu/blogs/sustainabilitycommittee/ In addition, he mentioned the CFCC portal page: https://my.cfcc.edu/group/sustainability-committee/home  Between these locations, you will see the previous meeting minutes and any news/events related to the committee and campus sustainability. Committee rosters are in the process of being updated for the new academic year.
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!

ECO Update: Karly Dahlin has taken over responsibilities of organizing the CFCC student club “ECO.” ECO is currently holding weekly meetings, and has submitted a club renewal form on the SGA website with a list of official members. They have created a new Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/ECOCFCC

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 has organized 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 recyclables then defined trash.

New Business:

No new business was address at the meeting.

*Next Meeting will be set for late September to give enough time to put together resources for the CFCC Fall Fest.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:55 PM