Sustainability Committee Meeting                                                            May 5, 2017  L-201 1:00PM

In Attendance:

John Wojciechowski, David Kanoy, Jacob Deininger, Karly Dahlin, Abby Perry, Katherine Maidman, and Rick Conn

Topics of Discussion:

Ongoing Business:

CFCC Recycling Plan: The meeting focused on the finalization of a Recycling Plan developed by Karly Dahlin for presentation to administration as soon as it is finalized. With changes at the administrative level, the report will be presented to Jim Morton, VP of Business. To finalize the plan a final cost analysis must be agreed upon. Issues to be determined in the cost analysis are labor cost for executing collection of recycling by custodial as well as upgrades to custodial carts, purchasing of recycling bins, and changing over of certain dumpsters from trash to recycling. Meeting with Jim Morton to take place on Tuesday, May 9th. Will report findings from meeting to committee.

New Business:

Keep America Beautiful: As part of our Sustainability Awareness Week events, we have had ongoing conversations with the local chapter of Keep America Beautiful and their representatives Kendall Welch and Dick Brightman. Proposed joint initiatives include:

- Cigarette Butt Recycling from North Campus. Jacob Deininger will be working with Lewis Stroud on the logistics. Keep America Beautiful would like CFCC custodial to bag up the cigarette butts into designated (and provided) containers and KAB will collect and recycle.
- CFCC Campus Garden--With the approval of the committee, Jacob Deininger has put the Head of the Culinary Department, Val Mason, in touch with representatives of KAB in order to help them maintain and possibly grow their on site gardening beds. Located between the W-building and the Cape Fear River, these beds are currently only used in summer when the CFCC course “Farm to Table” is taught. Chef Mason has interest in keeping these gardening beds producing fruits and vegetables for additional courses throughout the year.
- Campus Cleanup--KAB has a bi-weekly cleanup in our community and they were wondering if CFCC would be interested in having a campus cleanup activity. Committee didn’t see an issue with this. Cleanup will probably happen in the fall and will be coordinated through Jacob Deininger and ECO Club.
• KAB would also like to help CFCC acquire more recycling fixtures. Dick Brightman is currently looking into grant funding opportunities and Jacob Deininger has been in touch with Joe Suleyman, Environmental Management Director for New Hanover County on acquiring fixtures from the county.

**Wood Pellet Forum:** John Wojciechowski was approached by Priss Endo of the Cape Fear Group of the Sierra Club who is promoting a locally held “Wood Pellet Forum” on September 29th. This would be a 4-5 hour event, mostly discussion and debate about the environmental and economic impact of wood pellets in our community. John was asked if the CFCC Sustainability Committee would be interested in assisting with the planning of this event. Discussion was had about the political aspects of this forum and it was decided that the Sustainability Committee would be happy to distribute flyer promoting the event, but we would not be endorsing the event or helping with any of the planning.

**ECO Club:** Karly Dahlin reported that there is currently little student support/participation in the ECO Club. Ideas were discussed on how to increase activity/membership. One suggestion was to have a representative attend some of the early SGA meetings in the fall to bring awareness to the club and to remind the SGA that their designated member is supposed to attend Sustainability Committee meetings.

**A Plastic Ocean:** The film “A Plastic Ocean” was screened on campus with discussion from Sam Athey the Director of Chapters of the Plastic Ocean Project. Screening and discussion were well-received, but poorly attended (12-15 students).

**“Innovation and Sustainability in the Seafood Economy” Event:** On June 20th at the WHQR Gallery there will be a discussion with targeted key leaders in this industry to provide insight as to how Wilmington can foster this industry.

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