

In Attendance:

John Wojciechowski, Jacob Deininger, David Kanoy, Teresa Criser, Stephanie Sosinski, Waleed Jarrod, Andy Almeter, & Valeria Clemmons

Topics of Discussion:**Ongoing Business:**

August Meeting Minutes were NOT approved by the group, because there were not enough voting members in attendance for a quorum. An official email vote will need to be done.

ECO Club: First meeting held. Next Wed. Oct. 1. Fall Fest low commitment to tabling. Need to reach out and recruit. Application for club status is done and ready to submit. In Google Drive, called ECO. Meeting times in flux. Bimonthly perhaps. Need core of students, especially beyond Sustainability and SST students. Name is finalized. Andy: add “sustainability” to branding. Waleed: don’t add it, it ECO is understandable and simple.

Battery Recycling Initiative Update: Jacob Deininger reported that the initiative is gaining attention with having the receptacle placed in a high traffic area – there were about 20 or so batteries in there last time Jacob checked. Jacob also mentioned that he was approached by IT to request a battery recycling container for the IT Student Help Desk in A Building; they go through quite a few for various electronic items, so they would really benefit from having one. Committee agreed to assist IT in acquiring a battery recycling receptacle. John Wojciechowski re-confirmed that when the receptacles are full, that he will contact one of his students to take to NH County Hazardous Household Waste Facility.

Website: Jacob Deininger reported that he is keeping the website/blog updated with upcoming events, which Abby Perry has been assisting in. Jacob also added a graphic to the SC blog to enhance the visual presentation to visitors, per suggestion of Stephanie Sosinski.

Cafeteria/Food Options for CFCC: Waleed Jarrod brought up the idea of promoting locally made snacks in the bookstore as a sustainable option to students. This is in correlation to the closure of the campus cafeteria, and also providing healthier eating options for students. Waleed will keep the Committee updated on further developments of this idea. John Wojciechowski inquired to Committee about when the downtown campus cafeteria might be re-opened – David Kanoy responded with informing the Committee of the recent submission of a RFP for the cafeteria and all events concessions on campus. It was mentioned that the projected re-opening could be in November, but this is not confirmed yet.

Fall Fest Re-cap: Jacob Deininger reported that the student turnout for the downtown event was *okay*; it seemed lower than last year. *The Sustainability Committee table was overseen by Gena McKinley, Jacob Deininger, DAle Brown, and Abby Perry throughout the day. In addition to the tabling materials already organized, Jacob added some used books from the library for students to take for free, in spirit of recycling and re-using. ECO Club was not able to table downtown due to lack of volunteers, but the

Sustainability Committee had an ECO meeting flyer and sign-up list displayed, and were able to gain a few students' names to the ECO Club e-mail list. President Ariel Chornsbay was present to table at the North Campus Fall Fest. It was originally planned to have Sustainability Committee table at North Campus as well, but there were not enough members available to do that. Ariel reported to Stephanie Sosinski that North Campus Fall Fest's student attendance was also *okay*, and she was able to gain a few more students' names to the ECO Club e-mail list.

***Green Building Club:** John Wojciechowski informed Committee that the Tesla Electric Car Test-Drive event sponsored by GBC was canceled short-notice due to logistical errors.

Resolution to Include Sustainability as a CFCC Strategic Initiative: The final draft was approved by the Committee through email on Sept. 4th, and approved in the meeting. John Wojciechowski will submit to Teresa Criser to be passed onto Kim Gant, VP of Institutional Effectiveness, for submission to Dr. Spring for the final approval. The Resolution will then be submitted to the Board of Trustees for final voting in November.

Committee Meeting Times and Scheduling: Abby Perry previously expressed concern to John Wojciechowski and Jacob Deininger through email about how Committee meetings were currently being scheduled. Abby, among a few other official Committee members were not able to make this meeting time, and mentioned that when using Doodle Poll to schedule meetings, only Committee members should be included in the poll instead of a general Committee members and attendees e-list in choosing the best time. Jacob confirmed that he would ensure that for the next Doodle Poll Meeting time.

***Sustainability Awareness Month:** Abby Perry proposed a Sustainability Awareness Month to be developed in conjunction with sustainability becoming part of the Strategic Initiative for the 2015-2016 school year.

Solar-Powered Bus Shelter Proposal: Abby Perry also updated the Committee (through email) about a proposal for constructing two solar-powered WAVE bus shelters on campus. This proposal sparked a more in-depth discussion about the feasibility of doing this and what the potential time-frame would be. David Kanoy expressed his reservations about pursuing this project – Committee or individuals would need to initially acquire administrative approval on multiple levels as well as support and approval from Dr. Spring and WAVE Transit. This could be a very lengthy process, prior to developing plans to actually construct the bus shelter. John Wojciechowski mentioned that he has had students interested in designing and building a solar-powered bus shelter as a senior capstone project before, and supports the concept. However, Wojciechowski has hesitated in allowing students to proceed because capstone projects should have attainable timeframes and results as far as “manifesting” the idea. As mentioned, there are some serious pre-requisites to consider for constructing a solar-powered bus shelter. The Committee wants to support the proposal, but will need more information about how to proceed.

There was also brief discussion regarding bus transportation to and from Downtown and North Campuses, and how publicized that bus route and affiliated bus stop locations were to students. John Wojciechowski asked Committee how utilized the bus was by students, and if there needed to be more incentive for students – (free rides? More visible and “attractive” potentially solar-powered bus

shelters? More publicity and promotion of bus transit?) Stephanie Sosinski inquired to Committee whether there was a CFCC student “lounge,” or designated resource/meeting place for students, which could be used as a central commuter/carpool meet-up. David Kanoy responded with Union Station/Port City Java serving as such a central location, but there was no designated area for a student “lounge” on the Downtown Campus, or North Campus.

Integrating Sustainable Features to New CFCC Buildings: John Wojciechowski mentioned to David Kanoy the importance of integrating green and sustainable features to new CFCC buildings in the plans before they are built. This sends a true message that CFCC supports and follows through with sustainability as a CFCC Initiative. The Committee must demand Sustainability as an institutional priority. Two features that Wojciechowski views as reasonable energy-efficient improvements are drinking fountain/bottle refill stations, and electric car recharging stations.

Student Government, The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF): SGA President Waleed Jarrod presented a proposal to the Committee introducing The Green Initiative Fund. This proposed fund would be created as a financial resource to fund various green or sustainability-related projects and ventures. The money as proposed, would be derived from students as a modest semester fee of \$1.50 for Part-Time students and \$3.00 for Full-Time, much like a student activity fee. The funds would be dispersed either by a representative from the Business Affairs office or the Sustainability Committee. John Wojciechowski supported the idea, but inquired how to move forward; if approved, should this be something introduced to students beforehand or presented in tuition statement for students to see afterward. Will students support and accept TGIF in their best interests? Jacob Deininger and Waleed agreed that if this was a fee already added to tuition statement, students might not fully support initially, but would pay the fund and hopefully support the results of TGIF being active and utilized.

Waleed added that this proposal would need approval from Dr. Spring and the Board of Trustees before being enacted in Spring semester of 2015 at the earliest.

Recycling: Waleed Jarrod informed the Committee that he had met with Camellia Rice, CFO of CFCC, to discuss what steps and considerations would need to be made in improving CFCC’s Recycling program. Rice stated that a proper Site Analysis would need to be done with CFCC’s current waste contractor Pink Trash in order to quantify the additional cost of adding more recycling bins to be distributed and picked up. Rice suggested that the Sustainability Committee execute the analysis. John Wojciechowski stated that this could be done, and inquired to David Kanoy if the contact information for the Pink Trash representative could be attained; Kanoy responded that he will find out. Wojciechowski suggested that Pink Trash rep. could present recycling options and estimated costs at the next Committee meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:30AM

October Meeting is TBA