

In Attendance:

John Wojciechowski, Jacob Deininger, David Kanoy, Stephanie Sosinski, Cindy Ramsey, Alvin Coleman, Ariel Chornsbay, Shaun Kiviat, & Abby Perry

Topics of Discussion:

Ongoing Business:

October Meeting Minutes were approved by the group.

Website: Please continue to contact Jacob with content to add to the site.

ECO Team: Stephanie Sosinski and Ariel Chornsbay gave an update on the club's progress. The club is currently meeting bi-monthly and working toward establishing membership and consistency. Their first initiative has been to create a Wave Transit Bus System Survey to poll students, faculty, and staff on their bus usage. The survey is seen as an opportunity to raise awareness about the club through face to face interaction with students. A digital version of the survey will be sent through campus email. Data collected will become part of a proposal requesting bus shelters be placed on campus.

Update on Resolution to Include Sustainability as a CFCC Strategic Initiative: At the October Sustainability Committee meeting it was agreed upon that the group will seek approval from the Board of Trustees for sustainability to become a permanent part of the strategic goals with the stated goal of making sustainability institutionalized at CFCC. John Wojciechowski is currently writing a *Resolution to Institutionalize Sustainability Efforts at CFCC* to be presented to the Board of Trustees in January of 2015.

Solar Powered Bus Shelter: Abby Perry reported that Megan Matheny, Director of Planning & Development at WAVE transit is eager to meet to discuss the grant that would allow the Cape Fear Public Transit to purchase and install several shelters. It was agreed that once ECO Team implements the data collection survey to gauge use of the bus system, the committee will be in a better position to speak with Matheny about proposing bus shelters.

New Business:

Pink Trash: Shaun Kiviat, CFO Pink Trash, spoke to the group about the current contract the waste disposal company holds with CFCC and offered insight as to what steps must be taken for recycling to be implemented at the school.

Pink Trash was recently awarded a contract to collect trash and build a recycling program at CFCC. The contract instructed the company to mirror the existing program in place. The current procedure is to have all recycling transported by CFCC custodial staff to one of two, comingled, 30 yard long dumpsters

currently in place on each campus. The recycling is collected from these dumpsters by Pink Trash once every three months.

All agreed that the current recycling situation at the college is not adequate to handle the volume of recycling that should be taking place. It was noted that North Carolina law prohibits throwing plastic bottles in the trash and the City of Wilmington has passed an ordinance requiring recycling within city limits.

Initial questions raised were: Can Pink Trash offer a different recycling solution? What is the flexibility in changing the RFP that is in place? What options are there for better collecting recycling? Who will collect it? How accessible will receptacles be? What is the expense in educating the campus, and training housekeeping?

David Kanoy stated that each building has two dumpsters. Is it possible to change one of the dumpsters at each building to accommodate comingled recycling? If so, could we have a rough estimate of what the change would look like to show the administration?

Shaun Kiviat stated the ideal would be to have a comingled recycling dumpster with a second dumpster for cardboard. He cited the biggest challenge will be the collection of recycling within the buildings. The amount of recycling and bags generated will determine the frequency of collection. Blue, biodegradable bags manufactured to make handling of trash easier for custodial staff are an option. If the college chooses to use the bags, staff would be able to collect trash and recycling into a single push cart to be taken to the outside dumpsters and sorted into the proper dumpster based on bag color. Pink Trash is willing to train custodial staff in appropriate procedures once they are determined.

Further conversation stemmed from the need to collect statistics. It is essential to identify the amount of and locations for proposed receptacles. A cost analysis is needed to determine how much money is needed for receptacles, custodial training, and changing out of dumpsters for recycling use. It is necessary to determine what the current cost per month of trash collection is at the college and what the cost would be under proposed changes.

Kiviat suggested seeking grant funds to offset the schools cost. He also suggested negotiating that vendors seeking contracts with the college will provide cardboard recycling boxes in cafeterias, at vending machines, and school concessions which is a common practice.

John Woj. asked Kiviat if the Sustainability Technology program could provide an intern to work with Shaun on a weekly basis to create a model recycling program for CFCC. The student would perform an internal waste audit at CFCC and Pink Trash could write an outside proposal as well as check the intern's data. Once data is collected and a formal recycling proposal is written, someone from within the college will present it to Dr. Spring.

The committee targeted the end of April to have a transition plan in place for rolling out a recycling program. Pink Trash will be able to accommodate transition as soon as a plan is approved. A budget and

plan is key to asking administration to prioritize recycling. The largest challenge will be to receive a budget approval for receptacles and the change in work load for the custodial staff.

December Meeting: The December meeting will be the first week of December. Voting for the date and time by committee members will be by email poll and announced to the college by email. December's meeting will focus on finalizing the *Resolution to Institutionalize Sustainability Efforts at CFCC*.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM