

In Attendance:

Cindy Ramsey, Gena McKinley, John Wojciechowski, Chris Sowden, Yoel Del Rio, Jessica Wilson, & Abby Perry

Green Committee Meeting Topics of Discussion:

Meeting discussion centered on defining the role of the Green Committee, developing a working procedure, consistent communication about specific issues, and setting achievable goals for the 2013-2014 academic year.

Report on Campus Sustainability Priority Survey: Green Committee conducted a survey at both Fall Fest and Green Car Show events to gauge interest in sustainability issues on campus. The survey asked participants *"What issues would you like to see addressed by the CFCC Green Committee?"* and offered six topics to be rated by priority.

- 26% Recycling bins throughout campus
- 21% Healthy & local food options in cafeteria
- 15% Energy & water use reduction strategies
- 17% Eliminating Styrofoam from cafeterias and school events
- 14% Promoting walking & riding bikes to school
- 7% Electric car charging stations

Educational Outreach: A long term goal of creating educational forums for students to increase understanding of what sustainability means was suggested based on the feedback of Green Committee members administering the Sustainability Survey.

The Role of the Green Committee: Members agreed there is a need for defining the role of the committee in relation to the broader college community. Because the committee consists of faculty, staff, and students, it does not fall within the boundaries of a traditional committee or a campus club. Gena McKinley is working on defining the status of the committee with administration and will report back.

Goals set Forth by the Committee:

Policy Recommendations: The need for creating formal policy recommendations in order to create real impact on campus was agreed upon. Policy recommendations will happen in a three stage procedure.

1. *Research* - Determine problem and research possible solutions.
2. *Initial Draft*- Draft a policy recommendation to be presented to the committee for revisions.
3. *Final Draft* – Revised policy recommendation will be signed by the committee as a whole and become a declaration to be presented to administration.

Paperless Teaching: Gena McKinley suggested a strong step toward waste reduction in the classroom is to work toward paperless teaching beginning with first day handouts. With this goal in mind, she will be approaching administration to see if policy changes can be put in place to allow for this to take place.

Comprehensive Recycling: John Wojciechowski & Jessica Wilson will begin the process of researching and drafting a policy recommendation for a comprehensive recycling program at CFCC. The need for a waste audit was identified as well as establishing infrastructure. The initial idea set forth is to ask for a building on campus that can become a case study for implementing a system wide recycling program. Two suggested locations for case study site are the CFCC downtown library (because of its high traffic and visibility) or Union Station (because of the necessity for it to have recycling to achieve LEAD standards.)

Green Committee Logo/ Marketing Materials: Abby Spangel Perry will be working on a logo for the Green Committee. The group agreed on a tag line “The Green Committee: Promoting Sustainability @CFCC”. Once logo is agreed upon and funding is secured, a banner will be made for promotional purposes.

Cathy Burwell has been maintaining a webpage through the CFCC Library portal. The need for a blog or formal website for the committee was agreed upon. The site will be a hub for publicity on issues, upcoming events, meeting minutes, and educational information.

Student Listening Forum: Yoel Del Rio of SGA will be forming a delegation of students to present a request for recycling on CFCC campuses to Dr. Spring at the next listening forum for students October 30th.

Calendar of Events:

- 11/12 9:00 AM Green Committee Meeting room TBA