

Tuesday, July 26, 2011

Meeting held in PH 391

Attendance: Mark Murphy, Jim Suriano, Patty Fox, Susan Halbritter, Rich Haubert, Mike McHarris, Mike Emmerich

Meeting Minutes: Approved by Mark and second Patty.

Revision of Sustainability statements were put off until the September meeting.

Information on the Website for Sustainability: Need the logo, mission statement, goal/overview of the sustainability council. The website will also need to explain the Oneida Herkimer County Waste Authority's single stream definition. What things can be recycled and what is being done on campus. **Mike McHarris** discussed the difficulty of transporting the recycles to the Oneida Herkimer Waste Authority. **Jim Suriano** discussed an article on how other colleges are taking the approach of central location collection. He discussed how the college needed a recycling education campaign.

**Patty Fox** talked about a sub-committee of Strategic Planning Council which is writing outcomes to show how well the college is doing on waste water reduction and carbon foot print. She said an easier measure was needed by the spring of 2013. **Mike McHarris** said there is a way to show recycling by the weight. He pointed out that all classrooms have trash cans and blue recycling bins and offered an idea of identifying those offices which are not recycling. **Patty Fox** informed the council the college has the remainder of this year and next to collect data in order to complete the statement. **Mike McHarris** and **Mike Emmerich** were going to get back with **Patty Fox** with a percentage to raise the recycling efforts at the college.

It was decided to wait until the fall to address student club participation in recycling.

Discussion of DGV's promotion of recycling is to wait until the fall meeting due to its effects on 10 month members.

Sustainability budget: **Patty Fox** told council there isn't a line for the project. **Mike McHarris** will be meeting with **Randy VanWagoner** and **Ralph Feola** about the budget.

#### **New business**

(Tentative items)

**New employee orientation:** **Patty Fox** said the format of New Employee Orientation was changed and the council will not be able to present to the new employees. **Susan Halbritter** suggested putting something in the Goodie Bags encouraging the employees to visit the website and fill in a pledge form. Employee awareness campaign will be focused on the next meeting. It was also discussed placing something in the Employee Handbook when revised. Council members discussed creating an information session for the Fall Institute.

**Community Garden:** **Mike Emmerich** said it was too late this year to create a garden and will revisit it next spring.

**Topics Discussed on Sustainability:** It was discuss on how the college could increase the use of public transportation and it could be addressed with a Q&A on the college website. **Susan Halbritter** placed on the table the idea of a four-day work day during the summer months, but council members pointed out possible problems with the unions. The idea was the college would save energy costs by not having to cool the buildings or electrical use. It was decided not to be viable since there is so much going on the entire campus. The council then brought up the idea of automatic computer shutdowns which **Susan Halbritter** said she would follow up on. **Mike McHarris** informed counsel that the college is in the process of installing automatic motion

sensors in offices and classrooms. He said it comes down to money as to how fast this will be completed. **Susan Halbritter** suggested an energy audit, which was done eight years ago.

**Jim Suriano** informed the council that Sodexo has installed Recycle bins for silverware and was changing the format of the snack bar. They will be using a boat tray, which is not recyclable but made from recycled materials. **Jim Suriano** said he is waiting on the list of items. Coffee in the snack bar which will eliminate the black coffee cup to the one which is being used in Zest now. It will correlate to everywhere on campus.

Next meeting not until September as August is too busy.

Meeting closed