



The College of New Jersey

PRESIDENTS CLIMATE COMMITMENT COMMITTEE

Committee

- Curt Elderkin, Assistant Professor of Biology (elderkin@tcnj.edu)
- Larry Gage, Assistant Director of Counseling Services (gage@tcnj.edu)
- Michael Horst, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering (horst@tcnj.edu)
- Michael Brower, Env. Activities Coordinator, Bonner Center (brower6@tcnj.edu)
- Andrew Mathe, Student Government Association (mathe2@tcnj.edu)
- Colleen Perry, Assistant Director of Career Services (cperry@tcnj.edu)
- Nadine Stern, Vice President of Information Technology (stern@tcnj.edu)
- Meagan Terry, Student Government Association (terry4@tcnj.edu)

Staff to the Committee

- Curt Heuring, VP for Facilities Management, Construction and Campus Safety
- Keith Dewey, Director of Grants and Corporate and Foundation Relations
- Judy Wingerter, Secretarial Assistant—Facilities Management, Construction and Campus Safety
- Lynda Rothermel, Campus Architect and Director of Planning
- Lori Winyard, Director of Energy and Central Utilities

Date: August 15, 2007

Time: 10:00-11:30am

Location: Administrative Services Building, Room 203

<u>Meeting Notes</u>	<u>Action By</u>
1) Review of minutes.	Horst
2) Members reported to committee: C.Perry - C. Perry presented the job description (for the student assistant to the committee) and stated it was up on the student employment system. The pay will range between \$10.00-\$12.00 an hour. M. Horst will interview and hire student assistant. The Access and Mobility Study of TCNJ was discussed. It was suggested that the committee needs to find ways to encourage and increase use of public transportation on campus. Some suggestions were to “get the word out” by more P.R.-- add signage, make maps, bus, and train schedules easily available (i.e. kiosks, include in Welcome Week packets). It was decided to review additional information and develop ideas of where to begin. L. Winyard—reported that the Clean Power Choice Program was a good venue for TCNJ visibility and encouraged TCNJ becoming a member. Everyone agreed. J. Wingerter—reported on the benefits of becoming a member of AASHE at the cost of \$1,000 annual fee (see attached). All agreed to join.	All Perry Winyard Wingerter

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<p>K. Dewey-- reported he is in the process of identifying foundations that offer support to environmental activities. He will continue to investigate opportunities for the PCCC to pursue.</p>	Dewey
<p>M. Terry—in her absence, copies of information she received from other schools that responded to her inquiry regarding their initiatives were distributed.</p>	Wingerter
<p>C. Heuring—in his absence, it was reported that the Board of Trustees rejected the idea of developing a policy that supports climate and sustainability shareholder proposals at companies where the College’s endowment is invested. Discussion was tabled until C. Heuring could explain the reason for the rejection, but the committee decided a third initiative should be selected.</p>	Horst
<p>J. Wingerter –reported the budget was created and the committee is now able to draw funds for its use.</p>	Wingerter
<p>Discussion ensued regarding “where to begin”. It was agreed that the committee should get as much information as possible (relevant to TCNJ) and investigate through, conferences, media, etc. before deciding on what initiatives to promote. Suggestions were: 1) purchase CD entitled “Where is your Campus in the Continuum of Integrated Sustainability Planning”? 2) attend conference “Northeast Campus Sustainability Consortium Conference”. 3) review the “guide” in the Access and Mobility Study for TCNJ regarding transportation issues. 4) build a TCNJ website for PCCC-include posting the charge of the committee, links to AASHE, energy and technological information, etc. 5) list successes in all areas of College (IT, Facilities, Planning, etc.) 6) plan for future events that may include: a. retreat to brainstorm (what we may do, what we have done, commit to a number of initiatives per year) b. Campus Sustainability Day</p>	All
<p>K. Dewey—suggested that Marty Bierbaum from the Municipal Land Use Center would be an asset to the committee. Keith would make the initial contact and ask Marty to join the committee.</p>	Dewey
<p>N. Stern – suggested the committee find a contact person from Finance and Business Services to share cost ideas and help the committee through the financial system (i.e. developing policy for using “green” contractors).</p>	Stern
<p>M. Horst requested volunteers to attend the NESC Consortium Conference at Bowdoin College, Maine in October. He requested responses via email before the next meeting.</p>	Horst
<p>Next meeting—Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2007</p>	Wingerter

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