**PRESIDENT’S CLIMATE COMMITMENT COMMITTEE**

**Minutes**

**Meeting**

Date: 12 October 2012

Time: 8:30 Am

Location: AIMM 302

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**Meeting Minutes**

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| I. September 14, 2012 meeting minutes accepted. | Heuring |
| II. Bonner Projects  A. Forums – Title: Does What We Eat Matter? This forum will be held at 6:30pm on Nov. 15th in the new Education Building. A local farmer from the NJ Sustainable Farmer Board will speak on organic practices in farming.  B. Demonstration Garden – Proposal ideas need to be gathered: what works--what doesn’t work, expanding garden with more eye appeal, picnic area, raised beds, social activities area, out-door classroom area. It was thought to get it professionally designed for low or no cost. Fencing quotes need to be presented to the committee.  It was shared that Eagle Scouts are looking for community projects and will get contact information for local Boy Scout Group interested.  C. Film Series – An evening showing of Avatar may be presented in the Library auditorium since it is related to the environment. Time and date to be announced.  D. Freshmen Pledge Cards – have been collected and data compiled.  E. Forestry Inventory – Did not go well. Bonner met with E. Gruber and N.Magee and reviewed process. It was suggested to train a group of student to avoid re-training yearly. A computer science  professor will be contacted to see if there is willingness to create an app for a tree inventory.  F. Publicity –  1. An article will be put in the Signal regarding the sustainability in the New Education Building.  2. Results of the freshmen pledge cards will be put on the website.  G. Terra Cycle Competition – Home Depot donated receptacles to place in each bathroom to collect discarded bottles, jar, etc. Housing was hesitant to have receptacles in each bathroom, so it has been suggested that a table with receptacles placed sporadically throughout resident halls would work better.  H. Eco Challenge – 34 people will promote electricity and water reduction for this initiative. | Figueroa-Vega  E. Hernandez  R.King  T.Mahal  Figueroa-Vega  Figueroa-Vega  T.Mahal  T. Mahal |
| III. Curriculum – See Tree Inventory (II E.) |  |
| IV. Transportation –  A. It was asked that all members of the committee register with I-Carpool. Student representatives from the PC3 will publicize I-Carpool. P. Dyer will set up a table in/out of Eickhoff with sign-up sheets. Staff Senate and Faculty Senate will be told about I-Carpool. P. Dyer and E. Hernandez will contact departments of all schools and give a brief presentation of I-Carpool.  B. Requests for hybrid cars were discussed. Discussion was put on hold until next meeting since special spaces, electric cars and chargers are needed, etc. A report will be presented to the committee at a future meeting showing how much other schools have saved with hybrid car program. | B. Potter  C. Heuring |
| V. Website – tabled until next meeting. J.Wingerter will contact C. Rightmire to reaffirm his willingness to manage the PC3 website. | J.Wingerter |
| VI. Other –  A. It was suggested a “Sustainability Tour” of the new Education Building be conducted. A meeting with M.Kiselica, Dean, will determine dates and feasibility.  B. NJ Partnership for Healthy Kids was recommended to be contacted for giveaways and promotions.  C. New members asked if Campus Town will effect what we are spending now for electricity, since our cost efficiency is greater than what we would spend other alternatives we have investigated. C. Heuring assured the committee that Campus Town will have no effect on the College’s costs.  D. It was suggested that one day in January should be dedicated to highlighting PC3 and all that the College has accomplished regarding sustainability.  E. K.Roth reported the Pepsi Dream Machine is coming to campus. The recycling program uses swipe cards to get points and various prizes when students participate.  F. Important contacts: Christine Kopka, President of Student Government  Magda Manetas, Assoc. Vice President, Dean of Students  Kyle Magliaro, Vice President of Student Government &  Director of Student Government Green Team | All |