

PCC Notes
Jan 14, 2014

Present: deAraujo, Henson, Miles, Nicaise, Shuler, Smith

New Position Request The group reviewed the position description for a proposed Sustainability Director. Several improvement suggestions were made and incorporated. There was concern about the wide range of activities that are proposed, but all the activities were considered important. There was discussion also about the part-time/full-time aspect. We realized a successful incumbent will have to make priority and timetable decisions.

Review of Recycling Programs Mark reviewed the early days of Centre's recycling efforts. Mark showed a copy of the original proposal and policy statement. The program began in 1991 and was operated by work-study with faculty supervision (deAraujo, Lackey, Nyerges) until taken over by Facilities Management in 2003. Types of materials collected and procedures and local destinations have changed over the years. The early program was successful in generating broad support but the amount of recycling increased after the program became a regular staff responsibility.

Selecting a Focus The EPA Composting proposal the suggested we establish an annual or bi-annual focus for efforts. The idea received positive discussion and will be continued. A focus for AY 14/15 would need to be selected in spring 14.

Planning for Green Week Mary Berry convo will be Apr 22. Marie has made these arrangements. RecycleMania period is Feb 2 through Mar 29. Mariel shared that Community Arts Center is focusing on recycling and suggests an opportunity to collaborate. Mark said Patrick K-M. will want to present Trash Theater again. Greg plans an organizational meeting (Tue Jan 21). Nathan suggested National Environmental Education Week (Apr 13-19) as possible collaboration.

Strategic Plan and Climate Neutrality Goals The organization of strategic plan make it difficult to find where climate goals would fit. Continue discussion in February.

News, Announcements, and Discussion

Stars v2.0 and Sierra "Cool Schools" Patrick and Preston report no progress.

Status of Capital Projects proposals The Olin re-lamping proposal will be absorbed into Facilities Management "as time permits" responsibilities. No information available about status of JVAC proposal.

C.E.A. Activities Sponsoring a film festival next week with "Chasing Ice" and "Wally". Discussion of Green Revolving Fund is continuing, goal for this month is to develop a timeline.

REC purchases Preston reported that purchases from Mother Ann Lee hydrostaion have been increased from 345 to 370 REC/mo at current price of \$6.50/REC for Feb-Dec 2014. The market price of REC's is increasing and we may encounter an increased price in 2015.

Off-Campus Sites Cole asked about the efforts being pursued at our off-campus sites. Those present were not aware of any concrete activities for energy or materials conservation. The Merida campus sometimes offers a course on sustainability. This may be an opportunity. Cole will research with Cocanougher/Reigelman.

ATMF In discussion we realized the travel programs arranged through Alumni Office are a natural extension of ATMF donations. Preston will discuss with Megan Milby.

Reports The Arbor Day annual report was submitted on time. The ACUPCC progress report is overdue.

Next Meeting Tuesday, Feb 18, Common Hour