PCC Meeting Notes
Sept 11, 2012

Present: deAraujo, Jamison, Kirchner, Messer, Miles, Noltemeyer, Nyerges, Roush, Schmitt, Shuler, Trollinger.

President Roush spoke to the Committee about our charge and our relationship to ACUPCC.

- Initial signatory 2007, committee began in fall 2008. Good things have been accomplished.
- Initial discussion with ACUPCC was clear that this organization would not be “dues paying”. In second year, that position was reversed and we have since received regular requests for membership fees.
- Our relationship with ACUPCC is a good-faith agreement to move at the speed we can toward these important goals. Centre’s priorities remain our purview.
- As part of upcoming campaign, we anticipate support for a tree maintenance program.
- The annual funding necessary to pursue GHG goal is not known. Maybe 500K, maybe more or less? What is the number, the bogie for the annual budget? We don’t know.

Discussion.
- We have deferred projects and those should be pursued before energy efficiency.
- Are there concrete steps that can be pursued? Photovoltaic on a building a year?
- The good news is that Centre is in a position to have serious discussion of sustainability initiatives. Many institutions do not have that flexibility.
- A careful external assessment of energy efficiency plans may be considered.
- There may be opportunities for external funding.
- Presidents Sustainability convo and wind energy project are receiving direct support.
- Boles Pool is energy intensive. A new community pool would address this.

Announcements
- Local Foods/Local Farms conference, Oct 13, Louisville
- Centre Environmental Issues Forum, Sept 25, PCC members are invited to reception.
- Centre Environmental Issues Debate, Oct 3.

Reports of activities the past several weeks
- An assessment of Environmental Studies program has been submitted
- Proposal for new tenure track appointment in environmental studies has been approved and search committee in process.
- Proposal for major in Environmental Studies has been submitted and will be considered in October.
- GHG report for 2008-2011 will be presented for committee review in Oct.
- Wind energy measurement project is underway.
- Proposal to “green” the VP Debate was unsuccessful
- A possible project for Air Travel Mitigation Fund has been identified
- Proposal for alternative energy for Boles, Sutcliffe, Crounse has been received.
• Prof. Isenhour has submitted a proposal to EPA for in-vessel composting project and curriculum development. Decision expected by late Sept.
• Car sharing program has begun. (We-Car by Enterprise). Initial registrations have been quite strong. Too early to know actual use rates.

What are we going to do this year?
The most important part of our first meeting of the year is identification of specific objectives. In no specific order, our objectives are . . . .

➢ Continue GHG analysis

➢ Air Travel Mitigation Fund is an important opportunity and deserves support.
  o Consider a ‘box” for students to opt out
  o Discuss at a Faculty meeting
  o Proposed project for 2012 (vendmiser) does not meet our visibility goal
  o Consultation with Study Abroad Committee
  o Increase the visibility and understanding on campus

➢ Investigate the impact of food and dining hall operations as part of our GHG inventory
  o How can this be included in GHG analysis? Especially food miles.
  o Other opportunities for local foods.

➢ Develop an operational plan for energy efficiency improvements.
  o Engineering consultants with background in energy efficiency
  o To determine, “what is the bogie?” The level of facilities investment necessary to meet our goals.
  o Funding for consultants? Internal or external.

➢ Identify one specific energy efficiency project and pursue that target

➢ Secure funding. External grants or gifts. A bid deal.

➢ Conduct survey of awareness-attitudes-actions regarding sustainability issues/questions

➢ Promote parking rebates for HEV & EV vehicles
  o Changing rooms for bike commuters.

➢ Better involvement from athletics program

➢ Pursue a Green Revolving Fund.
  o Provides mechanism for planned efforts to reduce GHG emissions.

➢ President’s Sustainability Convo remains a priority.
  o Kirchner & Shuler volunteer
  o Cradle to Cradle author suggested
**Actions taken.**
On motion and by unanimous consent, the PCC expressed support for the proposed Environmental Studies major. Miles directed to communicate this to Academic Affairs Comm.

**Future meeting dates.**
These are the “regular” meetings. Special meetings are possible. Alternate between Tuesday common hour and Monday 4pm. (10/22, 11/13, 1/7, 2/12, 3/11, 4/9)