PBC/Environmental Sustainability Committee
March 22, 2011 0930 - 1030

In attendance: Lewis Johnson, Annette Snapp, Simeon Komisar, Hulya Yazici, Mike Savarese, Hillary Swank

Absent: Peter Corcoran, Jim Hehl, Shelby Gilbert, Tony Barringer, Patricia Rice

Guests: Sarah Davis

The Minutes of the prior meeting (February 21) were approved as corrected.

The campus naturalist Sarah Davis presented concerns about activities on the campus trails. The committee discussed pursuing the campus trails as a space that can be reserved in R25 for special events and use, with the campus naturalist being the responsible authority for approving use. The campus naturalist will confirm with her supervisor that this is an acceptable proposal, and Lewis Johnson will confirm the space can be added to R25. With approval for these components, the committee will work with the campus naturalist to prepare a recommendation for the PBC addressing use of the campus trails. Additional issues included in this discussion were the need to define “passive use” of the trails, the limits, if any, for mountain bike use on the trails, and the requirements and fee structure for users from outside of the campus.

The Committee reviewed the draft implementation plans from Environmental Health and Safety, Procurement, Police and Parking, and Facilities Planning. No specific changes were requested, but the Committee expressed a desire to have all of the implementation plans put into a standard format, and recommended the InfoPath template from Planning and Institutional Performance. This year Lewis Johnson will reformat the submitted implementation plans into this format. Next year the Committee will ask for this format specifically.

After some discussion, it was determined that there would be benefit to forming an ad hoc LEED working group. The purpose of this group is to determine if the University is implementing LEED in a way that best meets the University’s sustainability objectives. As an example, preferred parking and information signage earns points, but may be less preferable to even greater reductions in energy use. Dr. Simeon Komisar will head this study group.

The Committee has recognized there is a need to define what ‘sustainability’ means for FGCU. Dr. Corcoran has previously offered to participate in this effort. The Chairs will contact Dr. Corcoran to see if he is willing to head an ad hoc working group to prepare a recommended definition.

The next Committee meeting is April 4, 2011.