Environmental Sustainability Committee Notes

August 29, 2012

Holmes Engineering Room 109

9:00 – 10:00 am

In attendance: Joe McDonald, co-chair; Sarah Davis, co-chair; Sim Komisar; Mike Savarese; Vikki McConnell (for Jim Hehl); Nora Demers; Peter Corcoran; Rhonda Holzclaw

Absent: Shelby Gilbert;

Notes: Kathleen Crawford

1. Environmental Sustainability Committee

   a. Introductions

   b. Background and history –

   • Sarah shared how to find information on FGCU’s website for the PBC Environmental Sustainability Website and archived minutes from the Provost’s ‘page: http://www.fgcu.edu/Provost/escommittee.html

   c. Membership –

   • Joe McDonald, Asst VP of Business Services, will be filling Lewis Johnson’s spot as co-chair on the committee. Nora Demers joins us as Faculty Senate representative. Shelby Gilbert is returning as our other Faculty Senate rep. T.C. Yih will be our Dean’s Council rep, and Staff Advisory Council has not yet selected their representatives.

   • Mike Savarese brought up the fact that Kathleen Crawford, Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Coordinator is not a member of this committee, and suggested the committee could make a recommendation to the PBC to add her. This led to discussion of who else should be added such as an additional student to increase the likelihood of student attendance at meetings. Peter suggested having a suggestion be drafted for the next meeting.

2. Accomplishments –

   • ESC was successful in getting sustainability listed in the Strategic Goals for the university and worked with each VP to set division goals.
• FGCU won in the Master’s category for the Second Nature Climate Leadership Awards. We placed 68th on the list for the Sierra Club Cool Schools.
• The ESC working group for energy efficiency has been reviewing opportunities for building efficiencies in Whitaker Hall, and has looked into the hiring of a consultant. One consultant has turned in a proposal.
• The Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education has completed its strategic plan. Peter shared a copy of the strategic plan with the group.
• Sarah shared that the campus map which will be placed at the trail heads is now complete and awaiting installation.
• Joe shared that Jamba Juice will be ending its use of polystyrene; Chick-fil-A will be moving toward more sustainable packaging; Aramark and the Food Forest will be coordinating to focus on whatever produce is being harvested at a given time; there is now a vegan & vegetarian option at each location; computerized nutritional information is going to be made available; and Adam Will is the new Aramark sustainability intern.

3. Land Use Forums

a. Review university wide letter

b. Logistics for event - Forums will take place September 18 & 19th

**Tuesday September 18, 2012**  
3:00 – 5:00 PM  
Cohen Center – Einstein’s Patio

**Wednesday September 19, 2012**  
9:00 – 11:00 AM  
213 Cohen Center

4. Rachel Carson Week on campus –

• 50th Anniversary of *Silent Spring* – Weeklong series of events September 24-29  
  Events are Monday – Thursday and then repeating all for the community on Saturday.

5. Next Meeting Monday September 10, 2012