Environmental Sustainability Committee Notes

Monday September 10, 2012

Whitaker Hall 227

9:00 – 10:00 am

In attendance: Joe McDonald, co-chair; Sarah Davis, co-chair; Sim Komisar; Mike Savarese; T. C. Yih; Vikki McConnell (for Jim Hehl); Shelby Gilbert; Nora Demers; Lisa Paige; Whitney Blair (for Deion Jones) Rhonda Holtzclaw; Al Bielen; Paul Snyder; Ron Toll

Absent: Peter Corcoran;

Notes: Kathleen Crawford

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Approval of minutes from 08/29/12 – Sim moved to accept minutes as written. Vikki seconded. Minutes passed by unanimous vote.

Membership – Discussions regarding committee membership from last meeting. Vikki motioned that Kathleen Crawford, Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Coordinator, be recommended for Environmental Sustainability Committee membership. Sim seconded. Vote passed unanimously.

Introductions were given for the benefit of visiting Planning and Budget Council chair, Ron Toll, and PBC member Paul Snyder.

Ron Toll gave the committee its charge for the year. He thanked Sarah and Joe for stepping up to head the committee this year. He thanked the committee for keeping the senior leadership aware of issues and asked that the committee continue to work through the Planning and Budget Council with duties as established by the President and the Cabinet. He spoke of the committee’s importance in its role of the Planning and Budget Council’s work on the Strategic Planning Process. The items the Environmental Sustainability Committee are charged with are establishing a subcommittee on land use with consideration on how we use our campus and determining what the land use issues are by compiling a comprehensive list over the next few months. The committee is also charged with providing a recommendation on use of the Buckingham site – What is this property going to look like 15-20 years from now?

Membership discussion continued. Mike motioned that the committee recommend the addition of a second student and Rhonda Holtzclaw, Environmental Health & Safety Coordinator. Sim seconded the motion. Sarah requested to take the two items as separate items. Vote to recommend that Rhonda Holtzclaw be made a member of the committee passed unanimously. Discussion ensued about whether
the student should be a second Student Government appointee, a graduate student, or a housing student. Discussion was tabled to determine whether the committee needs would require a housing staff member or a housing student, or what staff members would need to be brought on as needed.

Land use forums will consist of smaller group discussions. Approximately 10 minutes will be spent of opening remarks. Approximately 20 minutes will be used in small discussion groups. Groups will be asked to answer at least 3 of the 5 questions. Then will be asked to share three main points with the larger group. A checkbox survey will also go out with the 5 questions.

Update given for the Exploring the Legacy of Rachel Carson film and lecture series Events are:

- Monday, Sept. 24: Nuclear testing is explored through the films "Radio Bikini" (1988) and "Radioactive Paradise" (2010), moderated by John Reilly, FGCU associate professor of chemistry; 5-8 p.m., Whitaker Hall, Room 129.
- Tuesday, Sept. 25: "The Silent Spring of Rachel Carson" (1963) will be screened with a lecture on chemical threats by Darren Rumbold, FGCU professor of marine science; 6-8 p.m., Cohen Center, Room 213.
- Wednesday, Sept. 26: "Fooling with Nature" (1998) and lecturer Talal El-Hefnawy, assistant biology professor, deal with hormone mimics; 5-8 p.m., Griffin Hall, Room 215.
- Thursday, Sept. 27: Ray Judah reflects on environmental issues prevalent during his 24 years as a Lee County Commissioner, followed by "Bag-it" (2010), a documentary on the effect that plastics have on our bodies and our environment; 5-8 p.m., Griffin Hall, Room 172. Events on campus during the day include readings from "Silent Spring," a minute of silence at 2:15 p.m., performance art and a Q&A with environmental experts; activities are on the campus green and in courtyards.
- Saturday, Sept. 29: Additional lectures on chemical threats and hormone mimics and an informal Q&A session with local experts on resources, planning, landscaping, pollution, water and waste management; ends with a screening of "The Silent Spring of Rachel Carson" (1963); 1-6 p.m., Whitaker Hall, Room 101.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday October 3, 2012 in HE109