Environmental Sustainability Committee Notes - Draft
Tuesday January 22, 2013
Academic Building 7
3:30 – 4:30 pm

In attendance: Sarah Davis, co-chair; Joe McDonald, co-chair; Sim Komisar; Jim Hehl (for Vikki McConnell); Nora Demers; Deion Jones; Peter Corcoran; Kathleen Crawford; Shelby Gilbert; Rhonda Holtzclaw; Lisa Paige; Mike Savarese; TC Yih

Absent: Shelby Gilbert

Notes: Kathleen Crawford

Approval of minutes from 11/07/12 – Correction to attendance. Peter was not in attendance. Nora moved to accept the minutes with correction. Peter seconded. Minutes passed unanimously.

Introductions – Introductions were made as this was Dion’s first meeting with the group.

Scheduling – Discussion about meeting times for the semester to try to accommodate as many schedules as possible. It was decided to stay with the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays (skipping Spring Break week).

Discussion – Sarah gave an update on the Planning and Budget Council meeting she had just attended. Update on the planned Miromar development of a university village which would consist of 40% residential, 20% retail/restaurants, and 40% conservation. Nora questioned if we need a separate access road connecting us to Ben Hill Griffin Pkwy and suggested it would be more mutually beneficial if we could just connect into that property. It was also suggested that Mike Elgin from Miromar be invited to talk to the university community. Sarah stated that now that the semester meeting schedule has been nailed down we would check with Chief Moore’s schedule, but wanted to know if we were missing any other stakeholders that should be invited to speak at a committee meeting like I.E.R.G. It was suggested that we have given groups ample opportunity to be heard, that it is now time to move forward with synthesizing the data and recommendations into a report. We have also been charged by the provost to give a conceptual plan for the Buckingham property. Nora volunteered to work a subgroup to come up with draft recommendations. Dion offered to assist with this. It was suggested to involve Sim as well. Nora will bring a draft of recommendations to the meeting on Feb 5th. It was discussed that the overall report and recommendations need pragmatic oversight as to what is or isn’t feasible. It was suggested that we partner with Tom Mayo. In looking at what items can be accomplished in the near term, Nora asked if we can get recycling containers at catered events. She suggested this be an upcoming agenda item.

Updates – The CESE will welcome Mary Oliver on Friday Feb 8th and the Annual Fundraising Celebration will occur on Saturday Feb 9th. There will be Service Learning events on Friday Feb 1 with a tree planting and maintenance, and there will be a trail cleanup on Saturday Feb 2nd. This year’s FGCU Earth Day will be held on April 9th.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday Feb 5th at 3:30pm in AB7 402.