Environmental Sustainability Committee Notes
Wednesday October 3, 2012
Holmes Hall 109
9:00 – 10:00 am
In attendance: Sarah Davis, co-chair; Sim Komisar; T. C. Yih; Vikki McConnell (for Jim Hehl); Nora Demers; Lisa Paige; Whitney Blair (for Deion Jones) Rhonda Holtzclaw; Sharon Bevis (for Peter Corcoran); Kathleen Crawford

Guests: Madina Behon, Kersey Voss, Alyssa Johnson, Juliana Griffin, Tyler Offerman

Absent: Joe McDonald; Mike Savarese; Shelby Gilbert

Notes: Kathleen Crawford

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Approval of minutes from 09/10/12 – Nora moved to accept minutes as written. Sim seconded. Minutes passed by unanimous vote.

Membership – Kathleen Crawford and Rhonda Holtzclaw have been made members based on their positions. Additional student membership to be added to committee membership has been tabled for now. Whitney has been coming consistently in Deion’s place, so we have had student representation. Sharon suggested there is a student mentoring program that is a joint program of Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education and Student Associates for a Greener Environment (SAGE). Perhaps SAGE member could be an additional student rep.

Land use forums - were well attended. 60+ attended on Tuesday afternoon and 22 on Wednesday morning. Good mix of people on both days with those that have been here for some time, and those that haven’t, with a broad representation of students, staff, and faculty. The survey is open until October 15th. Please encourage people to participate. Responses will be compiled. Nora suggested selecting one or two key timely topics while our compilation work is being done this year.

Proposed Haunted Walk event – Tyler Offerman presented a plan for a collaborative event with 3 RSOs: Students for Environmental Justice S4EJ), Food Foresters, and Dominican Republic Outreach Program (DROP) to hold a Fall Festival/Haunted Walk fundraiser benefiting the 3 groups and promoting early voting. Committee discussed support of the motivation to hold an event to bring awareness to getting students out to vote, to bring awareness to the food forest and to support the efforts of the Dominican Republic Outreach Program (DROP); the student groups’ assurance that no impact will be made to conservation areas on campus; their awareness of the food forest and including clean-up and recycling for the event. Committee suggested that the proposed event plan and details reviewed by concerned constituencies around campus. This would include the Environmental Health and Safety office, Campus Police, the Food Forest Advisory Council, Physical Plant and Student Involvement office.

Next meeting will be held on Monday 10/22/12 in WH227