Environmental Sustainability Committee Notes  
Wednesday November 7, 2012  
Holmes Hall 109  
9:00 – 10:00 am

In attendance:  Sarah Davis, co-chair; Joe McDonald, co-chair; Sim Komisar; Vikki McConnell; Nora Demers; Whitney Blair (for Deion Jones); Peter Corcoran; Kathleen Crawford; Shelby Gilbert; Rhonda Holtzclaw

Absent:  Mike Savarese; Lisa Paige; Peter Corcoran;

Notes:  Kathleen Crawford

Environmental Sustainability Committee

Approval of minutes from 10/22/12  – Error in discussion of inviting chief of UPD ‘to campus’ – should read invite chief ‘to meeting’.  Motion to approve minutes as amended by Sim, seconded by Vikki.
Amended minutes passed unanimously.

Land Use Forums - Committee reviewed the survey data from items 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6

Q2- What recommendations do you have for coordinating land-use practices between students, faculty, & staff? Most responses centered on wanting an open and inclusive process.

15 responses were related to collaboration/shared governance,
10 were related to Coordination,
3 responses dealt with the need to communicate and educate,
and 2 stated that it was the role of administration.

Q3 – How should campus use influence the watershed and our regional ecosystems’ functions?

9 people responded with ‘don’t know’,
14 with ‘minimize impact’,
7 related to having standards or requirements,
18 responses focused on campus use,
and 15 with other responses.

Q4 – How is student life best served by university land?

Request for recreation space as well as for environmental preservation both had 15 responses.
Living lab space, as well as student needs also had 8 responses.
Academics had 3, and a desire for student input also had 3.
5 responses dealt with transportation

Q5 – *What are the developmental constraints given our projected growth?*

Comments included Building up, not out, maintaining balance, making use of off campus space, size of growth/Enrollment Management practices.

Q6 – *Is there anything else that you would like to share with the Environmental Sustainability Committee regarding Land-use concerns at FGCU?*

8 respondents replied ‘don’t know’ or ‘no’. 2 replied about minimizing impact. 17 responses were related to campus and 15 were other responses that did not fit a common theme.

**Alligators at SOVI and Wildlife issues** – It was shared that it was confirmed that a student had indeed been arrested for attempting to feed an alligator outside the dining facility in South Lake Housing. Eco-Action, a student RSO, has started an awareness campaign for peer to peer education about not feeding campus wildlife. They set up a table and tent just outside South Lake dining area to reach out to students.

**PBC update** – Sarah shared information about alligator feeding and deer kills on campus with the members of the PBC. Other items discussed at the PBC included a 13% increase in FTIC applications but also a 13% decline in transfer applications. Decrease in transfers can in part be attributed to a decline in enrollment at Edison State College. Sarah also shared that going forward we will have a summer commencement for the first time, and a separate Spring commencement for graduate students is being planned.

**Spring meetings schedule** – a brief discussion about when a good meeting time would be for next semester. Kathleen will look at teaching schedules. Please ensure calendars are updated with other commitments.

**Other items** –

**E-Waste** - Nora asked about electronic waste collection on campus. Physical Plant in conjunction with Business Technology Services handle campus owned equipment to be recycled. Efforts are under way to possibly become a certified E-Steward Enterprise and to have certain collection days for residential e-waste pick up.

**Energy Efficiency** – Sim has been in contact with a Non-LEED Green Building organization.

**Next Meeting** Monday November 26, 2012 in Whitaker 227