Environmental Sustainability Committee Notes
November 19, 2013
Edwards 210
4:00 pm

In attendance: Rhonda Holtzclaw, co-chair; Sarah Davis, co-chair; Vikki McConnell; Sim Komisar; Andrew Wilkinson; Kathleen Crawford; Sasha Wohlpart;

Not present: TC Yih; Anne Hartley; Greg Tolley; Carleen Hunt; Kendra Carbeneau;

Guest: Kelly Walsh; Marguerite Forest

Minutes – Vikki motioned to accept the minutes from the 10/22/13 meeting. Rhonda seconded. Minutes passed.

Checklist – Win Everham provided input for the Draft of Best Management Practices for Sustainable Development: for ITNs/Contracts. Committee was given the direction to take another week to give their input and to add detail to this list. Need to have this as fleshed out as possible by the meeting on December 3, so that it may go in front of the PBC meeting on December 10th. Looking to formalize processes that are seemingly already in place and tying in our existing principles, our local FGCU definition of sustainability, the university’s mission, the Earth Charter, etc. Target is to have a finished product by next semester.

Energy Efficiency Update – The energy efficiency group met on 11-7-13 and reviewed last year’s discussions and the quote from the consultant in regard to increasing efficiency and retrofitting Whitaker Hall. The quote at the time was approximately $8000.00. Since this coincided at the time of tremendous budget cuts the quote was not forwarded on to key decision makers. There are many opportunities for gathering these metrics in house and using this as a real world learning opportunity four our engineering students working closely with faculty and the energy efficiency group. Marguerite Forest suggested that we look into the “Green Schools Program.”

Buckingham – In a meeting of the co-chairs of the Safety and Facilities Committee and the co-chairs for the Environmental Sustainability Committee, who both have been charged with Buckingham property visioning, the group decided to look into creating a blended subcommittee. Marguerite Forest has volunteered from the SFC. Vikki and Andrew have volunteered from ESC. Kelly Walsh will provide administrative assistance. This committee will work together to provide background and history of Buckingham and will work on the surveying of FGCU collectively. Much work must be done in order to let the campus know what the property is currently like along with its present limitations, so that people don’t look at it as an invitation in the short term, but rather are able to make informed suggestions for its future use.

Campus Spine – A new landscape committee is forming. Applications are now being accepted for Faculty Senate representatives. No update yet.

Announcements – Upcoming events on campus –
• World-renowned animal activist Ofir Drori Founder of The Last Great Ape Organization Will air his film, “Ofir: A Wildlife Crime Documentary” Nov. 23, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Edwards Hall room 112.
• “Melting the Ice in the Hearts of Man” Angaangaq Angakkorsuaq (Uncle) Eskimo Elder, Healer, Teacher, Shaman, Storyteller - Monday November 25, 2013 11:00 AM-12:15 PM and Tuesday November 26, 2013 12:30-1:45 PM
• Farmer’s market on December 3rd auxiliary/overflow parking lot in North Lake Village from 10 A.M. – 2 P.M. on Tuesday, December 3, 2013!

Next meeting will be Tuesday December 3, 2013 at 4:00pm.