

Meeting Notes

Environmental Stewardship Advisory Council

February 2, 2009

8:30 am

AB5 room 318

In Attendance:

~~Christine Andrews~~, Sharon Bevins, Al Bielen, Wilson Bradshaw, Peter Corcoran, ~~Wayne Daltry~~, ~~Sarah Davis~~, Barrett Genson, ~~Debra Giambe~~, Lewis Johnson, ~~Ruth Rodrigues~~, Joseph Shepard, Ronald Toll,
Notes: Kathleen Crawford

Approval of Minutes - Minutes from the November 17, 2008 meeting were approved.

Barrett Genson gave facility updates

Academic Building 7 stated that we are on course for LEED silver, and possibly gold. They are continuing to meet with consultants. Kraft says we are on schedule for November 30th. Construction is working weekends to meet the aggressive schedule.

Solar Update: energy service agreement signed. Location for panels identified as parking garage 1 and parking garage 2, CSC, side of library, Alico roof, Biscayne Hall roof, along with the groundwork for field component of the moveable panels. Students have already relocated approximately 400 tree seedlings.

Fine Arts 2: Schematic design complete with building going directly east of FA1.

AB8: In process of hiring architect.

Al Bielen informed ESAC that the campus uses 5 tons of copy paper per month. In checking Office Depot's prices it was found that that 100% recycled paper could be found as low as \$48.30 per case. By using this paper it was surmised that the increased cost would be 4/10 of a cent per copy. This was figured as follows: There are 5000 sheets of paper in a carton. If the carton (100% recycled paper) costs \$48.30 that is \$.0097/sheet. If the carton (currently used paper) costs \$30.09 that is \$.006/sheet or a difference of \$.0037/sheet. Therefore if the current price of \$.055/copy were increased by \$.0037 the new cost would be \$.059/sheet.

Erica mentioned an SG resolution that requests smaller margins and duplexing settings on the defaults.

ESAC favored the recommendation of using 100% Recycled content paper and default settings for printing that will decrease the margins and set for duplexing.

Peter Corcoran gave an update on the Rachel Carson Distinguished Lecture on campus, "Working on Behalf of the Beauty and Bounty of Earth: An Earth Charter Scholars' Panel," featuring Steven C. Rockefeller, Kiran Chhokar, Brandon Hollingshead, Brendan Mackey, Michael Slaby, and Shafia Sucar Succar, moderated by Mary Evelyn Tucker, brief introductory remarks by Mirian Vilela in Academic Building 5, Room 112 on Friday, February 20. The Center's Fifth Annual Celebration on Sanibel Island on Saturday, February 21, 2009 at 5:00 to 8:00pm.

Lewis gave an overview of the Sustainability and Assessment Rating System (STARS) of which FGCU was part of the beta test which will help calibrate the rating. Some examples of the award points are the mini-grants that the CESE funds covers 2 criteria under Stars. Stars runs independently of the UCPC. Lewis created a draft of the preliminary proposed ESAC stewardship plan by using the STARS program as a springboard. Lewis asked the members to review the draft and get back with him with suggestions and comments.

Lewis let everyone know that Florida has deemed March as Florida Bicycle Month. May is actually National Bicycle Month, but Floridians know March is the perfect time for cycling. May also does not work well for campus as Spring semester has concluded by then. Bike to campus week will be held between March 23rd and 26th. Veteran cyclists and bike vendors will be here to consult with about proper bike fit, how to maintain your bike, routes, and safety. There will be two group rides on Thursday of that week; one for intermediate/advanced riders and one for novices. Dr. Bradshaw suggested that FGCU be included in the title. The event has since been changed to FGCU Bike Week.

Lewis handed out pins for the ESAC members with the new sustainability icon. He also passed around the shower timers that were funded by SG for a water conservation campaign that will be held near World Water Day later in March.

Joe gave an update on The Red Sox. They continue to look for a new Spring Training site. It is important to keep abreast of this project to see where it is appropriate to partner and where we can have environmental input.
