

# Meeting Notes

## Environmental Stewardship Advisory Council

November 17, 2008

8:30 am

AB5 room 318

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### In Attendance:

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

**Approval of Minutes** - Minutes from the September 15, 2008 meeting were approved.

### Focus the Campus-Sustainability Orientation Debrief

Ride2FGCU update & Best way to continue the dialog

It was discussed that different tracks could be established, grouping similar discussions together, running talks concurrently and giving more time to each speaker. Plans call for a vendor fair featuring green vendors and organizations. Video clips were taken posing the question, "What does sustainability mean to you?" Looking to expand this into multiple clips that can be categorized, sorted, and searchable by year, class rank, position, topic, etc. Also looking to build momentum and event interest by using networking sites like LinkedIn, Facebook, etc. It was suggested to invite the community and to perhaps run as a series rather than a daylong event. A subcommittee of ESAC shall form to carry on this annual sustainability orientation. This subcommittee will include Lewis Johnson, Peter Corcoran, Debra Giambo, Sharon Bevins, Christine Andrews,

www.Ride2FGCU.com has a total of nearly 300 registered users. 2/3 of these users are students. It has been challenging marketing to students without being able to send out an all student email. Registration is most successful when a link is right in front of them on their computer. In addition to getting out to multiple events and manning information tables, EH&S has been sending out CRN emails (emails sent to individual class rosters). While this is very time consuming it is the most effective means of registering students.

### Updates

#### Solar Project

Three companies will oversee the solar project install. Regenisis won the bid, Kraft Construction will install, and Citigroup is handling the financing. The contract is getting the final reviews from the attorneys. It is anticipated that the construction will be complete by the end of July 2009. Current technology allows solar panels to absorb 2/3 of the sunlight that hits them. New nano-coding boosts this amount far higher. We should benefit from the new emerging technologies. Peter asked if the selection committee would still be involved in the meetings that are taking place. Joe welcomed attendance, but noted that involvement would not as formal as the selection process.

#### AASHE

Dr. Bradshaw recently attended the AASHE conference (Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education). There were 1800 people in attendance, and he reported on how far ahead our university is on initiatives both adjunctive and core. He noted that our process with the solar array financing and installation can become a model for other institutions.

#### AB 7 LEED Update

Bids were closed last week. There was a tremendous response for this project and there is a possibility that the building can be built below budget. This is due to the present state of the economy. We are targeting Silver LEED certification, but may attain gold. We will continue LEED certification on all new buildings. It is estimated that FGCU infuses \$81 million into the local economy. Two more buildings that are to be built soon include Fine arts 2 and AB8. These will generate more jobs. Furnishing is being delivered. FGCU is sourcing an increasing amount of green furnishing with more recycled content and designed to recycle at the end of the furniture's usefulness. Barrett will be visiting Steelcase to see how this is done.

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### **Estero Bay Symposium**

This goal of ESAC was completed. The event was held on campus and was well received.

**"Understanding the President's Climate Commitment: Toward a Carbon Neutral Florida Gulf Coast University."**

Peter shared the [White paper](#) by the Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education.

### **Other Campus Initiatives**

- Trail System is looking to involve more people, such as Campus Police, Campus Recreation, Cross Country. A sub-committee of ESAC
- Single Serve water dispenser – Ruth shared with ESAC a new type of water dispenser that aims to reduce bottles/bottle waste.
- Peter is taking over lining up resources for a reusable mug giveaway.
- Small Business Development Center is researching becoming a green business certifying agency.

### **Paper Usage and Recycling**

We use 5 tons of paper/month. What should we be using and what is the recycled content?

What is our University policy on catering contractors that come in and provide food and drink for major events? AI fielded questions from guests at parents' weekend & Lutgert Hall opening. This topic was tabled as AI was not able to attend this ESAC meeting.

### **Red Sox Stadium Proposal**

[http://www.naplesnews.com/news/2008/nov/01/breaking-news-red-sox-sign-deal-today-stay-lee-30-/](http://www.naplesnews.com/news/2008/nov/01/breaking-news-red-sox-sign-deal-today-stay-lee-30/) Christine cautioned that ESAC needs to follow this topic closely to track how this stadium may impact FGCU and the environment.

### **Carbon Footprint Reduction & Environmental Stewardship Management Plan**

EH&S needs to have direction on how to accomplish carbon neutrality. It was also requested that EH&S make recommendations for ESAC to review and put forward to the campus community.

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