

Environmental Stewardship Advisory Council

Meeting Notes
December 1, 2003
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Library Conference Room 148

Attendees:

Christine Andrews	Susan Evans
Bob Bachand	Win Everham
Sharon Irish Bevins	Barrett Genson
Al Bielen	Debra Giambo
Matt Bixler	President Merwin
Margaret Bogan	Joe Shepard
Wayne Daltry	Roberta Walsh

Note Taker: Judy Nothdurft, GA

Roberta Walsh welcomed the group and reported that she had heard from Peter Corcoran who will be available to be more active in ESAC next term.

A. The Chairs of the five ESAC Working Groups presented progress reports and key points were included as follows:

➤ **Environmental Management**

- A Purchasing, Utilities, Recycling, Energy (PURE) Working Group Report was distributed and indicated “Where We Are and “Where We Want to Be.”
- Suggestions were identified in the following areas:
 1. “Top down” leadership for promoting environmental sustainability
 2. A policy from the Dean’s Council directed at the individual Colleges
 3. A system to track purchasing
- The pros and cons of a University Environmental Stewardship Manager were discussed as well as the importance of continued monitoring at FGCU to keep it in the forefront.

➤ **Facilities Design & Construction**

- The November 13 working group meeting notes were distributed.
- The following proposals were discussed:
 1. To have a web cam monitor the next building construction project at FGCU from an environmental perspective and to provide for public access and comment on the FGCU website.
 2. Developing a video with WVCU regarding environmental sustainability issues at FGCU to be televised as well used for new staff and student orientation
 3. The idea of using the video to educate the building community and architects
- The design and funding options for campus buildings were discussed.

➤ **Site & Neighborhood Stewardship**

- It was noted that the working group would like to change their name to “Watershed Stewardship.”
- A needs assessment has been completed and a list of indicators and action items are being developed.
- The need to work better with FGCU’s neighbors, Miromar, was stressed.
- Policy development was discussed; the ESAC will make general policy recommendations and appropriate staff will develop specific policy guidelines.
- The appropriateness of a poster developed by Miromar with the FGCU logo was discussed.

➤ **Education & Research**

- A summary sheet of the working group’s research and findings was distributed.
- A convenience survey was used to collect information from students and faculty regarding their perception of environmental sustainability education at FGCU.
- Survey results indicate there is no common definition of environmental sustainability and many student struggle with the definition.
- The working group will be providing direction for closing the data gaps.
- It was recommended that the working group’s efforts remain congruent with, but independent from the QEP’s evaluation of the Colloquium for SACS.

➤ **Community & Communication**

- A matrix of identified needs, indicators, and recommended actions by the Working Group was distributed.
- Recommendations included the following:
 1. Naming a University-salaried staff member to collect and oversee ESAC related materials and related research and publications from FGCU.
 2. That Audrea Anderson be included in these efforts.
 3. Identifying FGCU’s association with environmentally related organizations, agencies, and committees.
 4. A State of Estero Bay Conference with technical presentations and public participation be scheduled for late spring.

B. The ESAC Draft and Final Plan were discussed. Roberta Walsh and Bill Hammond will develop and distribute a report template to the Working Group Chairs. The Working Group Reports will be submitted to Roberta Walsh and Bill Hammond by January 19, 2004 so that they can collate the information and complete a Final Draft Plan by early February.

C. The University Leaders for a Sustainable Future Questionnaire and site visit were discussed. It was determined that the site visit would take place in April.

D. Wayne Daltry commented on two environmentally related projects. One is the Idalia property located on the Caloosahatchee River near Franklin Locks. He noted that the Parks Department was eager to form a partnership with FGCU regarding this property. He also mentioned the Everglades Restoration Task Force and recommended that FGCU have a strong presence in this.

E. The tentative date for the next full ESAC meeting is January 26, 2004.