

ENVIRONMENTAL STEERING COMMITTEE

Minutes **February 18, 2010**

ACTION ITEMS

- Committee chairs should coordinate with the Surf Rider Foundation to see if they can speak at the next meeting.
- Committee members should be prepared to discuss the Athens Recycling issue at the next meeting.
- Committee members should discuss the possibility of expanding the scope of the carbon audit during the first Fall meeting

Marc Meredith called the meeting to order.

Katie Phillips updated the group as to the development of the proposed sustainability minor. She stated that the committee meeting on this issue is almost ready to go to curriculum committee. She gave a summary of the proposed curriculum that would ideally launch in the fall of 2011.

Jason Burton showed a slide show related to life cycle awareness. Randy Lavender prepared the slide show and the Form and Space Faculty have been presenting it to their students.

Cathy Chambers informed the group about the upcoming Women in Green conference. She has put a link to the website on the sustainability blog.

Gwynne Keathley stated that Surf Rider Foundation has requested to come and speak to the ESC. She also pointed out that we will be speaking at WASC along side Cal Arts on issues related to sustainability.

Chris Alford cited that the new efficient lighting in the parking garage is now complete. He has also replaced all the old fax machines with more efficient electric ones , which saves paper and power.

Marc updated the group as related to old business. E5 has recommended we not enact an update to the carbon audit this year as the changes would be minimal.

Gwynne recommended that we consider expanding the scope of the audit for the next iteration.

Marc presented findings related to a student visit to Athens Services. The percentage of waste coming from Otis that is actually being recycled is now in question.

Katie mentioned the importance of community perception as related to this issue.

Chris was open to discussing more strict sorting standards on campus which would help raise the percentage of recycled material. However he stated it would be expensive and we would have to weigh the benefits.

Laura Kiralla suggested that there may be a way to cover the additional expenses. She cited the recycling program in Student resources which pays for many activities.

Marc called for a vote for items to be placed on the next meeting agenda and adjourned the meeting.

Attendance:

Nicole White

Gwynne Keathley

Cathy Chambers

Margi Reeve

Holly Tempo

Laura Kiralla

Claude Nica

Chris Alford

Marilyn Sherman

Marc Meredith

Jason Burton

Katie Phillips