

President's Climate Commitment Committee

Minutes-Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Attended: J. Steffano, M. Norton, J. Lavine, J. Ginsberg, M. Fifield, P. Righi, P. Wasson, J. Thompson, Y. Shaghghi, V. Roa, M. Callaghan, M. Holster, J. Chirichiello

1. **Minutes:** Call to order and minutes from previous meeting were accepted.
2. Sub-committee reports:

**Waste Minimization-Recyclemania-** BHCC finished 279 out of 293 colleges/universities. Paul Righi introduced a recycling guidelines poster to inform and educate students, faculty and staff on what to recycle. Fame has started to recycle bottles, jars and plastic containers. Paul also stated that stickers would be placed on bottles and cans. J. Steffano asked Paul to have Waste Mgt. review the poster before being accepted by our committee. M. Fifield requested that recycle bins be placed next to all copy machines. V. Roa suggested that a five minute presentation explaining the poster at the College Forum. M. Fifield stated that was a good idea. It was suggested to "look into" green CD to recycle CDs. M. Norton stated that he didn't think we would recycle enough to weigh the cost.

**Action: Paul Righi to ensure a recycle container is placed next to all copiers.**

**Action: Present recycle posters to the College Forum after they are accepted by the committee.**

**Green Building-** Still working to upgrade the health & Wellness Center to LEED-Gold (40 credits).

**Temperature set points policy-** Still in place. A/C at the Charlestown campus will be operational next week in time for finals week.

**Procurement language for energy star products and waste minimization-** Still waiting for input from Business Office.

**Web page-** up to date

3. **Discuss upcoming action plan to implement and set date to achieving carbon neutrality-** J.Steffano suggested having a third party read the committee's ultimate report that will be forwarded in September. This person will confirm we are meeting the requirements of our proposed action plan.  
**Action: Joe Steffano will solicit help for this review.**
4. **Update on recommending the Climate Committee becoming a "Standing Committee"-** Proposed to forum, better to be an advisory committee because a standing committee has to seek approval from the Forum for all proposal. Whereas an advisory committee only reports to the Forum. Joe Steffano met with the Governance Committee and submitted a formal request.
5. **Miscellaneous items:** None

**Report on actions from last meeting-** None

**Discuss committee participation**-Participation is better; this meeting had the largest attendance in months.

**P. Righi to discuss "Recyclemania" competition**-discussed earlier

**Review responses to appeal for ideas by email**-Postpone till next meeting; Melissa Holster will investigate possibility to electronically scan records containing personal information and destroying paperwork to save space because we are running out of space for storage of records.

The New England Board of Higher Education is sponsoring a Greening Higher Education: Saving the Planet and Saving Money Forum on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Colonnade Hotel in Boston. Several members of the Committee and Les warren will attend.

**6. Next meeting-June 2, 2009**

**7. Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted by John Chirichiello