

President's Climate Commitment Committee
Minutes-Thursday, October 23, 2008

Attended: J. Steffano, S. Chirichiello, S. Ginsberg, M. Norton, P. Righi, S. Benjamin, P. Wasson, Y. Shaghghi

Minutes: Call to order and continued discussion from the previous meeting. **Sub Committee Reports:**

Waste Minimization- Paul stated that recycling has increased and the recycle containers have been overflowing. Although students are still throwing other items in recycle containers, the vendor is taking everything. Since the new "recycling signs" have been posted, there has been less trash thrown into the recycle containers.

Action arm: Jeff will speak to Rich Pishkin about talking to Fame to empty the bins more regularly.

Transportation inventory- Scott Benjamin and Emily Dibble will be modifying the BHCC transportation survey to incorporate data needed to update the Greenhouse Gas Inventory submitted on 9/15/2008.

New **Building** LEED Credits- Joe Steffano stated BHCC has to adopt a policy for preferred parking *for* hybrid vehicles as a means to receive LEED credits for the new building. He suggested BHCC reduce the fees paid for 5% or about 25 parking spaces for students driving hybrid vehicles. This would be in lieu of designating specific spaces closer to the entrance for such use by 25 members of the college community on a first come basis. Designating specific spaces would extremely difficult to monitor and enforce because faculty, staff, and students arrive at different times all hours of the day. This could create issues about spaces not used for hours at a time when spaces could be used.

Temperature Settings- Committee approved the heating and cooling temperature set point policy reviewed at the last meeting. This policy is now in effect on a trial basis at the Charlestown Campus and Chelsea Campus and there have been minimal complaints. In summary the winter set points will be between 68-72 degrees and the summer set points will be between 72-76 degrees.

Chelsea Campus Recycling-John Chirichiello was asked by the committee to inquire about initiating a recycling contract with his disposal company for the Chelsea Campus. John, after having a discussion with Joe Steffano, decided that the expense would not warrant a recycling contract because of the small amount of recycling items. At this time our shuttle drivers transport all recycling items (paper, cardboard, bottles, cans and batteries) to the Charlestown Campus. Also, we do not have storage space at the Chelsea Campus to store recycling items until they are picked up. John stated that this system has been working fine and will continue.