Presidents Climate Commitment
October 22, 2007

The following notes are intended to remind us of our discussions and should not be construed as a verbatim record.

Report from Kentucky Energy Summit
sponsored by Center Applied Energy Research
large project underway by KGS for exploration of underground CO₂ injection
ergy security is important dimension
Nathan Lewis, Challenges of Sustainable Energy
a link will be established on PCC website to all presentations

Report from Virginia Energy Summit
a revised Clean Air / Cool Planet spreadsheet will be available January 2008.
early records less important than recent
de minimus – will allow focus on major sources of GHG inventory
Possible activities –
green fee strategies for student commitment
tip of the week
green handbook for orientation
LUCID
explicit communication to community of actions taken
www.papercalculator.org
W & L composting practices as a model
consult AASHE website for listing of green fee campuses
residence hall advocates
U o Richmond food waste weigh-in as model

Visit by Dana Kuhnline, Oct 9
Met with members of PCC and ECCO
Dana characterized her personal focus as environmental justice
Described the range of “green fee” initiatives that have been conducted at other campuses.
   Ranging from $1 per semester to $1 per credit hour to over $25 per semester.
The green fees have been used to purchase renewable sourced electricity, as a loan fund for energy efficiency projects, and to support educational campaigns.
She cautioned that clear articulation of the purposes of a green fee are essential to a successful student campaign.
Dana also suggested making connections between our PCC efforts and mountain-top removal campaigns.
Report on GHG inventory

summary of information currently available - distributed energy budget information, 97 to present – from Jamison categories currently presenting difficulties
fleet gasoline
faculty & staff air travel
contact with Thomas Travel suggested
senior staff may comprise majority

grouping/sampling of expense reports
discussion of possible future methods to collect data on air and fleet travel
establish priorities by “scope 3” relative to “scope 1 & 2”
consider compliance issues
consider FDC as collector of air travel data for faculty
Discussion of Tangible Actions

a. new construction to L.E.E.D. or equivalent
   a. the size and timing of major construction projects currently planned
      make this a major effort for Centre
   b. that also makes this an area for major impact and significant visibility
   c. the additional capital costs involved in the initial construction must
      come from within project budgets or any additional funds must have
      additional source
b. purchasing policy to require ENERGY STAR products
   a. this is something we should be doing

  c. offsetting GHG emissions for all institutional air travel
     a. reservations expressed regarding carbon offsets
     b. importance of student air travel makes this a high visibility Action
d. public transportation
   a. not applicable

e. purchase 15% of institutional electricity from renewable sources
   a. estimated cost $10,000 / yr

f. support climate & sustainability shareholder proposals
   a. relatively little institutional effort required
   b. concern re effect on investment income
   c. impact uncertain

g. waste minimization component of RecycleMania
   a. waste minimization has high impact & high visibility

Consensus recommendation

to propose three Tangible Actions a. LEED, b. ENERGY STAR, g. waste minimization

Other Discussion

Our committee should make contact with Student Center planning committee re
composting and recycling facilities
ECCO is introducing compostable carry-out containers made from beet pulp
Additions to our lending library: Cradle to Cradle & Global Energy Technology
Strategy