Presidents Climate Commitment
May 5, 2008

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I. Recycling results

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<td>Per Capita Classic</td>
<td>17.9 pounds/person</td>
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<td>Waste Minimization</td>
<td>145.9 pounds/person</td>
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<td>Gorilla Prize</td>
<td>25,879 pounds</td>
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Per Capita Classic. Schools compete to see which can collect the largest amount of acceptable recyclables per person. This is the original RecycleMania competition.

Waste Minimization. Schools compete to see which produces the least amount of municipal solid waste (including both recyclables and trash) per person. This competition is intended to reward those schools that generate the least amount of waste and recyclables, emphasizing reuse and source reduction over recycling.

Gorilla Prize. Schools that participate in either the Per Capita Classic or the Waste Minimization competition are automatically eligible to win the Gorilla Prize. This award honors the school that recycles the highest gross tonnage of materials during the ten-week competition, regardless of campus population. Italics mine. We’re not going to do so good on this.

Collecting, measuring, and reporting went well. Data entry wasn’t unreasonable.

We are on track to exceed our campus goal of 55 tons total recycling. We get a lot during Governors Scholars program.

What about when students leave the dormitories at year-end?
   This will be our third year to participate in the Hope Springs yard sale. The proceeds go to multiple sclerosis
   Book drive.
   Clothing drive.
   Extra pickups on recycling bins.
II. Student Activities

Student Green Electricity Initiative
  • 82% : 18% support for student purchase of REC from local hydro source.
  • Highest majority in memory.
  • Highest voter turnout in memory.
  • First student referendum in five years.
  • Will go to vote by Board of Trustees in fall. We have no anxiety about support.
  • By contrast, the U.K Trustees defeated green initiative for second time this past month.
  • Faculty and staff donation program is now in place and can accept donations. Payments will be coordinated with student green-e program.

Earth Day Activities
  • ECCO planted overcup oak in front of Sutcliffe
  • Centre & Wal-Mart volunteers planted thirty seedlings in riparian zone of Clarks Run. Organized by Josh Moore.

Worm composting proceeding well. Next year plans made.

III. GHG Inventory

Table 1. Inputs
Table 2. Results
Table 3. GHG Inventory
Figure 1. GHG Impact Components
Figure 2. Annual Utilities Costs

We discussed the methodology used and suggested areas for improvement in methodologies.

The data in Figure 2 was judged to be of no value since what we need to know is usage (kWh or CCF) and not costs.

Differences exist between Facilities and Finance records for utilities. This arises from different lists of meters. When we resolve this difference and get access to additional year’s data we plan to calculate operational efficiency for each building.

One concern was Faculty/Staff Business travel. Our current record systems do not collect this information. Suggestions were made. There are reservations about compliance with a more complex record keeping paperwork. Including the request for ground and air travel miles on the forms might raise faculty/staff awareness of this issue. Current
company credit cards provide no way to “track” this information. We employ a wide range of methods for reimbursement.

We need to verify all of the data and get more complete data. And more time must be allowed for study and discussion of the data.

Suggestion was made that all campus offices that have assigned vehicles record the odometer reading at start/end of fiscal year.

IV. Tasks Accomplished and Future Goals

1. Increase participation in recycling.
   a. Establish a campus committee to stimulate student interest
   b. Set goals for improvement
2. Utilize student assistant for summer data collection
   a. Application to ACS
   b. Utility meter database
3. Continue composting and other economies in dining facility. Minimize use of take-out containers or use compostable. Minimize food waste. Other opportunities identified. This will be particularly visible with “Chowan”.
4. Consider a consultant to prepare our GHG inventory.
5. Investigate local re-forestation efforts as offsets.
6. Incorporate issues of sustainability into the curriculum.
   a. Explore connection through current revision of HHP syllabus.
   b. Contact who?
7. First-Year Student Orientation.
   a. Develop brochures and other information materials
   b. Through orientation and EXPO
   c. Contact Melissa Clarke
8. A major task for 08/09 will be to use the GHG inventory to identify opportunities for savings.