PCC Notes  
March 13, 2013

Present: Graves, Isenhour, Klooster, Miles, Noltemeyer, Schmitt, Shuler, Trollinger. Excused: Kirchner, Messer.

We began with presentation of a recent article discussing impact of anthropogenic impact relative to long-term trends. (*A Reconstruction of Regional and Global Temperature for the Past 11,300 Years*, S.A. Marcott, J.D. Shakun, P.U. Clark, A. C. Mix, *Science*, 8 March 2013, v339, p1198-1201)

Our first discussion involved planning for Green Week. Patrick presented the current list of activities (attached). Something is planned for almost every day, and the “week” is nine days long! Nathan suggested we ask S.G.A. to consider a ‘green-minded’ Carnival. Preston suggested a “zero-waste” event. Cindy reminded us that waste composting is not yet available on our campus. Preston will transmit our (more modest) suggestions to Lisa Alley, SGA president.

We decided to pursue a “sticker” for modest cost ($100/60), Cindy and Patrick will follow up. We need to arrange a lunch break for Thomashow on 4/23. Planning group will meet again 3/14. They anticipate a poster with calendar of events. A separate poster for Presidents Sustainability Convo has been requested.

No report regarding our recommendation to Printers Services Committee. This may be going before the College Council.

Elizabeth G. reported noticing several T-12 fluorescent fixtures. Approximately 30% energy savings are possible by conversion to T-8 fixtures. How do we bring this to attention and possible action? A memo to Facilities Management? Patrick offered that 3-4 Bonner scholars on campus summer ’13 may have time to conduct a survey. Maybe a “white paper” that inventories opportunities and describes ROI could be prepared? Incandescent exit signs are also a potential savings opportunity. Preston recalled a conversation with Wayne King in which he said the College had received over $11,000 in rebates from KU for installation of energy savings measures.

Preston reported that Han He has accepted summer work-study position. Primary responsibilities are data entry of utilities into SchoolDude database. She might have time to work on campus-wide inventory. Cindy reminds us that EPA compost grant also provides support for two sustainability interns and a campus coordinator for AY 13-14.

Regarding EPA Composting project. We have no response regarding the supplemental request of $12,000. Request to Parents Fund for $10,000 has been shifted to fall ‘consideration. We have some more focus on plans, but no equipment has been ordered. Uncertain how to proceed, should we order one unit now, and begin gaining some experience? Or wait until funding picture is clear? Cindy’s students have drafted preliminary requests to Caterpillar and Southern States foundations.
The C.E.A.-- sponsored dumpster dive was in-progress during our meeting. Some of our members attended after adjournment.

Patrick reported on the three alternative spring break trips, totaling 35 students and 7 staff.

Barrie reported that a funding request has been submitted to S.G.A. for 2 water bottle filling stations (Young & Grant). Request will be reviewed at late-March S.G.A. general meeting.

Elizabeth T. reported on updates to Sustainable_Centre website. We hope to post description and schedule for Green Week as a replacement to the Centre Environmental Issues Forum which has been our feature Nov – Mar.

In discussion, we decided to go ahead with Apr 9 meeting and to also host President Thomashow on 4/23 for discussion.