

Presidential Climate Committee

Minutes

March 19, 2009 (9:00am)

Attendance: David Najarian, Dr. James Beard, Henry Haywood, Lisa Cardwell

Opening discussion: **MSDS** sheets need to be updated for the chemical departments for the specified areas before the colleges EPA Peer Audit in the fall; to include an updated chemical inventory list. Dr. Beard stated that he would assist in advising all involved in moving towards a completed set of MSDS sheets to place in the report books. The location where they would be posted will be addressed after the completed initial tasks.

- **Introduction-** David suggested that we could implement some of the articles that have been posted with the reason Dr. Knott and the Trustee's signed off on the commitment. He stated, "We could use some of his quotes from old articles about why the college made this commitment and use some of the articles history of the Center for the Environment and Geo thermal being used on campus as building blocks." This will actually show that the college had already spear headed in the right direction long before we actually signed off on the Climate Action Plan. He also stated, we should involve Dr. Turner with all that is taking place at this time and where the campus needs to continue in its efforts. He would be able to address this further and help in providing his quotes and of view.
- **Campus Emissions-** Addressed by David:
Lisa and David have been working on this through the GHG and doing some charts trying to show where we will be with out any changes vs. making a change. Explanation was given on how the data was collected and calculated.
- **Mitigation Strategies-** Henry and David have been meeting with various companies such as Duke Energy, Renewable Choice Energy, and other solar powered options to get some estimates' and suggestions to achieve climate neutrality. Henry briefly spoke of some energy savings that could be done at the gym.
- **Education, Research, Community Outreach Efforts-** Dr. Beard is going to discuss the educational venues needed to fulfill the obligations in this area. He will be contacting an advisor from each field of sciences. We will discuss this further at our next meeting. It was discussed that as we move further along Dr. Stephen's needs to be kept informed or have the option to be involved with the Educational areas.
- **Financing-** Once we have some plans and the finances numbers Henry and I will go to Chuck Williams and Dr. Turner for further direction.
- **Tracking Progress-** OWR&R office will continue doing the tracking with the assistance of on and off campus offices.
 - Green House Gas Inventory version 5 has been submitted for the fiscal year starting June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008
 - We will be using the Green House Gas Inventory an updated version 6 to submit the next data report for the fiscal year June 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009

