

President's Climate Commitment and Sustainability Committee
Meeting Report for December 4, 2012

In Attendance:

Mike D'Entremont, Ibrahim Diarra, , Karalynn Gau, Valter Gomes, JoDe Levine, George Locascio, Carmen Magana, Dawn Monahan, Oscar Pena, Rob Whitman, Paul Wolff

Invited Guests:

Leonila Tellez Valle (BHCC student), Margo Attaya (BHCC staff)

In Absentia:

Scott Benjamin, Meghan Callaghan John Chirichiello, Henry Chu, Ken Nies Jeff Ginsberg Paul Righi, Arlene Vallie, Les Warren

AGENDA ITEMS

1) Updates

BHCC Health Awareness Week Activities
Director of Sustainability Paul J. Wolff III provided an update on the Health & Wellness Week at Bunker Hill Community College.

Healthy Food and Water Conservation Expo (December 11 @1-2:15 p.m., Charlestown Campus: D-Lounge)

- Bottled water vs. tap water
- "Meatless Monday" food samples
- Water "taste testing" Demos
- Information lectures
- Video displays and Games
- Conservation Tips
- Plus giveaways!

Featuring demonstrations by Joshua K. Das, Public Health Manager and Water Test Expert for the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority (MWRA).

Health Fair (Charlestown Campus: December 13; 9 am – 2 pm, 3-4pm, Chelsea Campus: December 15, 9 am – 2 pm)

- Free blood pressure screenings
- Healthy foods
- Fitness Center Tours
- Stress Management Techniques
- Diabetes & STD education
- Student displays
- Skin protection and hand washing
- Free Samples by Whole Foods

PLUS: Free yoga class 1-2 pm (Charlestown Campus December 13)
Free yoga class 12-1pm (Chelsea Campus December 15)

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Presented by first-year BHCC nursing students, the BHCC Sustainability Club and the Office of Sustainability Management. Supported by the BHCC Fitness Center, FAME Food Services, the Public Health Commission of the City of Boston, Whole Foods and the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority.

2) Carbon Emissions Project Update Data

Karalynn Gau presented the data from the MAT097 Carbon Emissions Project. There were approximately 300 responses to the survey which make this the largest sampling to date of any Qualtrics survey conducted at the College. The PCCSC group discussed revising questions for clarity. For example, **Margo Attaya** recommended revising opinion questions that ask if students have been impacted by global warming to include a wider variety of options. Rob Whitman suggested that this could be an opportunity for educating students on the complexities of carbon emissions. **Paul Wolff** suggested that we make available basic climate action videos to faculty teaching the MAT097 courses as a supporting resource.

Dawn Monahan said that our students have very specific reasons for choosing Bunker Hill that may or may not have anything to do with single occupancy commuting, carbon emissions or sustainability goals; they often just want to earn a degree and get a job in the quickest possible way. Carmen Magana explained that single parents often need to use their own car for childcare activities, picking up children or for errands.

3) Subcommittee Work

Members from the Zero Waste Committee discussed ideas and goals for the 2012-2013 academic year. (**George Locascio, Valter Gomes and Carmen Magana**)

Goals:

- a) Create and use better signage for all of the school's bins
- b) Get more faculty and students informed about and involved in BHCC's recycling process
- c) Have both Recycling and trash bins next to each other in all locations
- d) Have clubs customize their own bin at a future "recycling day" event on campus.

Reasons:

- a) People throw trash in the recycling bins and vice versa.
- b) People are not informed on proper recycling protocols.
- c) The need for proper signage to educate at the bin.
- d) To make the job of the facilities personnel easier.

Steps:

- a) Create designs and decals with proper information for bins.
- b) Create prototype of signage and sample bin.
- c) Create correct and proper material for professors to use or hand out in their classes.
- d) Implement the above.

4) Members from the Composting Committee summarized some research and goals for the 2012-2013 academic year. (Karalynn Gau, Mike D'Entremont).

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5) Action Items

- The next meeting of the President's Climate and Sustainability Committee is scheduled for February 5, 2013 in Room G139.

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