

President's Climate and Sustainability Committee

May 3, 2011 Meeting Notes

Present:

- **President's Climate and Sustainability Committee**
Brian Alves, Scott Benjamin, Meghan R. Callaghan, John Chirichiello, Jeffrey Ginsberg, Elsa John, JoDe Lavine, Ken Nies, Karalynn O'Rourke, Paul Righi, Yenamandra Rao, Weusi Tafawa, Aaron Amardey-Wellington, Les Warren, Paul Wolff
- **Sustainability Club**
Gardy Fortune, Rachel Labrie, Indira Rakhimzyanova, Shanay Reed, Kassaye Mario
- **Entrepreneurship Club**
Daryl Dauphin, Kay Horton, Jamal Kirk, Derek Lolar, Lianny Marmole, Matt McGee, Khoa Nguyen, Nhat Nguyen, Andrew Sullivan, Carine Wete
- **Other Invited Guests**
 - Nichole Flecha, BHCC Administrative Assistant
 - Jim Cooney, Pura Vida H2O
 - Brent Mauran, Pura Vida H2O

Absent:

Henry Chu, Dawn Monahan, Oscar Pena

Updates and Announcements:

- World PEAS CSA will now be delivering fresh vegetables and fruits directly to Bunker Hill Community College. The designated **Farm Share Pick-up** location is in the lobby of the G-Building (Health and Wellness Center). Shares are still available for summer 2011.
- Brian Alves, BHCC Co-founder and President of the Sustainability Club, has been working with the Office of Sustainability Management as an **Sustainability Intern** and is working on developing tours of the LEED Gold certified Health and Wellness Center (G-Building) that explain the green features of the building.
- The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) **Research Internship** has been announced for the summer of 2011 and were created with Kathryn Gustafson, Coordinator of the LSAMP Project (Urban Massachusetts Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Project).
- Progress on the Urban Garden initiative is coming to fruition. Several garden plots measuring 8'x 12' will be available to interested groups and will be located on the south side of the G- Building. There will be a "**G-Party**" on May 12, 12:00-3:00pm, celebrating the launch of the new urban gardening space. Science Department Chair, Bob Steeper and Adjunct Faculty Eileen Feldman will lead the BHCC Sustainability and Entrepreneurship Clubs in building the raised beds as part of the event.
- BHCC will be collaborating with Casella Waste Management as a joint "recycling team" as part of the May 21, 2011 **Earthfest Event** on the Charles River. The BHCC

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Sustainability Club and possibly other volunteers from Community Engagement will help to make the day a "zero-waste" event.

- BHCC is part of the Department of Energy Resources **Enterprise Energy Management System** (EEMS) project that was recently launched. This project includes installation of real-time building-level metering of electricity, natural gas, fuel oil and steam at both the Charlestown and Chelsea campuses. BHCC was one of only 4 community colleges selected for this pilot project that also includes energy management software. The project estimates that successful users will be able to reduce energy consumption by 5-15%.
- Rachel Labrie, member of the BHCC Sustainability Club reported on a **student recycling survey** she administered to 75 students. Her results indicated that only 1/3 (25) of the respondents recycle daily. The survey results indicated a need for increased awareness about recycling, as well as increases in the quantity of recycling containers and recycling signage around the college.
- The Sustainability Club will be filming a skit, '**Waste Not, Want Not,**' next week as a peer-education tool to increase awareness of recycling best practices and the carbon impact of waste. This may be posted on the BHCC website, used at new student orientation programs, and offered to faculty as a public service announcement.
- Three hundred (300) students have been surveyed so far using the **transportation survey** developed as part of Scott Benjamin's Environmental Science course. The results will be tabulated for a future committee discussion. The survey helps to get a finer level of data that is required for calculating and reporting scope 3 emissions.
- BHCC will host the first American College and University President's Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) Regional Collaborative Summit on November 3 & 4, 2011. Most of you have agreed to assist with the planning for the new ACUPCC Regional Collaborative Symposiums.

Pura Vida h2o, Inc Presentation: (Jim Cooney & Brent Mauran)

- An alternative to bottled water solution utilizing **filtered water** dispensers where the user brings their own bottle (BYOB) and pays a fraction of the fee for bottled water. A partnership at BHCC would allow for the college to provide alternative water sources as well as share in the revenue produced. Advanced models allow for institution branded canteens; we could even include BHCC sustainability facts, if desired.
- The presentation was followed by an engaging question and answer session concerning the impact of such a system at BHCC. Pura Vida will make arrangements to participate in the upcoming G-Party event planned for May 12, 2011.

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2010-2011 Committee Accomplishments

- Recycled Copy Paper Policy
- Green Car Parking Permit Policy and New Parking Stickers
- 2010 Greenhouse Gas Inventory Report and Narrative Submitted to ACUPCC
- President's Climate and Sustainability Committee website pages including members' names, recent work of the committee.
- Recycling Bin Inventory
- Comfort Quest Survey for Occupants/Users of the G-Building