

**JOLIET JUNIOR COLLEGE**  
**Sustainability Initiative**  
**(JJCSI)**  
**January 14, 2010**

A meeting of the Sustainability Committee (JJCSI) was held on Thursday, January 14, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. Rich Rivera called the meeting to order.

***Review and Approval of summary***

The December 10, 2009 summary was reviewed and approved. Motion to approve was made by Ed Vasil and seconded by Judy Mitchell. Unanimously accepted.

***Old Continued Business:***

***A. Green Team follow-up reports:***

**Summer hours**

Judy Mitchell reported that the Business Services Committee submitted the recommendation to the Sustainability Committee to close the college on Friday during the summer. This was approved by the Sustainability Committee and was to have been forwarded to the Senior Leadership Team. After approval by SLT, Dr. Proulx would then submit this to the Board of Trustees. Ryan Smith replied that the document had been forwarded to SLT.

With the departure of Dave Agazzi, Andy Neill expressed concerned with continual momentum and leadership with SLT in regards to sustainability efforts. He was one of the major administrative leaders on sustainability initiatives at the college. Ryan Smith is interested in this endeavor and will be the administrative link to SLT.

**Sustainability Coordinator**

Ed Vasil inquired as to the status of the proposed new position of sustainability coordinator. Ryan will discuss the position with SLT and inform the committee of the status of the position.

***New Business***

Review of action items as needed - No updates.

V. *Other*

Vuc Vujovich, who is director of sustainable design with Legat Architects and Doniesa Kovalsky, Higher Education Market Manager with Honeywell Building Solutions, provided a presentation on carbon reduction at the college.

The carbon footprint at the college comes from the use of electricity and emissions with the cars. By increasing the size of the campus with the master plan, we also increase the size of our carbon footprints. He was pleased to know that the college committed to American University & Community Colleges Climate Commitment (AUCCP) program.

**How it relates here in Illinois.** - In 1999, the map classified Joliet in climate zone #5. In 2006, the maps were reclassified and now we are now in climate zone #6. The same zone as St. Louis was classified in 1999. This creates a warmer climate and this relates to how we heat and cool our buildings, how we treat our landscape and what plants should be planted.

Doniesa Kovalsky, Higher Education Market Manager from Honeywell works with higher learning facilities with sustainability. She works with colleges to save money with energy savings. With the information already provided by Vuc, the college understands and knows what our carbon emissions are and now can develop a plan to become carbon neutral. By signing the AUCCP, the college has committed to continue with sustainability efforts. The biggest problem, of course is lack of funds. Colleges are moving towards renewable initiatives and are embracing global warming and reducing carbon footprints. One of the initiatives is to involve students with the curriculum. The reduction of our electrical usage is the biggest way to reduce our carbon footprint. JJC hiring a sustainability coordinator is an important step. Education is key with showing people how recycling, green roofs, etc. all work to reduce consumption of energy.

Meeting adjourned – 3:20p.m.

**The next sustainability meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. in the board room. (J-2026)**