

JOLIET JUNIOR COLLEGE
Sustainability Initiative
(JJCSI)
October 8, 2009

A meeting of the Sustainability Committee (JJCSI) was held on Wednesday, October 8, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. Rich Rivera called the meeting to order.

I. *Review and Approval of summary*

The September 2, 2009 summary was reviewed and approved. Motion to approve was made by Judy Mitchell and seconded by Laura Enger. All were in favor.

II. *Old Continued Business:*

A. *Green Team follow-up reports:*

No updates or reports

III. *New Business*

A. *Climate Action Planning Workshop (Dave Agazzi)*

Andy Neill reported the following from an e-mail Dave had sent to him from Bert Jacobsen of Kankakee Community College. They are accessing interest in a climate action workshop. They will need about 15 interested people. President Proulx, on behalf of the college, had signed the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment which has specific goals that must be met. This workshop would help to achieve one of the goals by creating climate action planning. It is planned to be a two day workshop in December. The cost would be \$4,500 for each school. Andy asked if anyone was interested in attending. A consensus showed faculty members were interested in attending the workshop.

A further item discussed was the approval of a part-time sustainable coordinator. SLT has given tentative authorization to move forward with the development of a part-time position; however, they still would like to see the title, duties and salaries before final approval is given.

B. *Conservation – 2000 Ecological Restoration Project Document (Andy Neill)*

Andy Neill encouraged everyone to view the video that was produced by Geoff Rusch and Fred Harris. It was funded by a grant award due to our natural areas.

C. *Student Government Initiatives (Paul Pulpulaan)*

Paul reported on the following two initiatives:

i. Recycling art show – art made from recycled items.

ii. Early Childhood Center – A public relations campaign with the early childhood students wearing recycled t-shirts and showing college students how they can recycle.

D. Technical Education Sustainable Education Center Grant (Margaret Yates)

A planning grant with the National Science Foundation and the American Technological Institute to provide funds to begin planning to design and develop an education center to provide renewable energy programs and degrees is being written. It will be a three year process and during this time decisions will need to be made if the college would like to become the Midwest Center of Excellence in renewable energy technology. Andy Nell asked where we are in the process. The application is due by Oct 15th and will provide \$70,000.00 for three years. It will not be decided until April 2010.

IV. Review of Action Items as needed (What have you committed to doing)

V. Other

- Judy Mitchell asked when the committee realignment will take place. Judy was waiting to meet with her Green Team until a review of our current committee structure in comparison to the Sustainability Tracking Assessment & Rating System (STAR) is completed. Ryan Smith will be providing more information.
- Rich Rivera updated everyone on the status of the lake project. It took two years to get the permit from the IEPA to begin work on the lake. The first project is the lake dredging, the second is the bio swale (separators) project and the third project is the filtration (catch basin) project. The dredging has begun and the bio swale project will begin in about a month.
- LEED certification with the greenhouse and other projects was discussed. The intention is to have all buildings constructed to become LEED certified and every LEED point possible will be used to reach a silver classification. It would be only the second silver certified LEED greenhouse in the country. The harvesting of rain water will include both the greenhouse and the classroom. The rain water harvest system will be year round with the installation of heaters on the roof to melt the snow. Well water is the second option. City water should only be used in the classroom portion of the building for the public restrooms.
- Geothermal will be used as the primary system to heat the campus center and the facility service building with solar panels.
- Andy asked if the committee would be interested in having Vuk Vukovich from Legat come in and do a presentation. The committee was in favor of a presentation and perhaps it would be great to advertise this to the college community.
- A further suggestion was to have Rick Suttle from Ruettiger, Tonelli present the natural areas changes.
- Rich Rivera reported the landscaping at the Weitendorf Facility has been completed. The first bio swale and first rain garden have been installed.

Meeting adjourned – 3:35p.m.

The next sustainability meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. in the board room. (J-2026)