Green Campus Committee

February 23, 2011

Present: Craig Mourton, Kent Fairfield, Joan Leder, Beth Reuse, Alice Benzecry, Cynthia Radnitz, Ed Lynch

**Greenhouse Agreement for Gourmet Dining**

We discussed the contract for Gourmet Dining to use the Greenhouse to grow seedlings to be transplanted into the ground. We approved the contract with minor wording revisions. We decided the contract should be in effect from September 1 to August 31 and that any violation may result in termination of the agreement. Bob Valenti will review the contract.

**Garden**

We still need to wait for the Provost’s office to see how much money they can commit to the Garden.

We need to speak to Ed Lynch about the landscape architect and to Dick Frick about moving the gazebo. We and the students need a cost and a plan. We need to know about stepping stones. They’ve raised about $3800. The students are getting a price on stones. We could have a staged plan. It would be between the road and the river. We will grow plants for the garden. We will start planting before the first week of March. Christina Martinez suggested working with the RAs if there could be an educational program. Students could help with planting. We have a company that will move the Gazebo for free or $500. They have moved gazebos in the past. He needs a site map and a topography map. These should be at USGS. We also need a contact from Dick on the landscaper.

Alice will contact our donor to see if we can use some of the money for the garden.

**River Cleanup**

In Kent’s class, one of his students is taking charge of the river clean-up project.

**Climate Change Dialogue with a Legislature**

Bard college will reach out to one of our legislators and make it possible to for students to speak with him/her via Skype. We thought we would use the library. He thought the business leaders of tomorrow might be interested in taking charge of this. Kent said that the best time may be at 8:15 pm at night. It would be nice to have a few biology and poli sci professors there. Even the Office of Global Learning might be interested. Hopefully, we can do one at Madison also.

**Earth Day**

Students may do stepping stones that day.

Alice and Cynthia have to teach the better part of the day. Who can help out that day? We need volunteers.
Swan is an organization. They should be able to be here.

Anthony Botti

Bill Roberts

Hackensack Clean up Lady

We can schedule the Greenway walks at some other time that day.

Cynthia will send out a list.

Joan will help promote Earth Day.

We could have a table for Think Summer on Earth Day.

Alice will send an email about doing the planting.

Next meeting: