Green Campus Committee

May 11, 2011

Present: Cynthia Radnitz, Mutiera Mohamed, Mary Morhineway, Rich Panicucci, Jamie Zibulsky, Ramona Matos, Tara Kinbaugh, Pavan Imadisetty, Alice Benzecry

Earth Day:

Cynthia observed that there were too many cars near the Earth Day tent. Thoughts for next year: Visitor passes at FDU (Dave will set up a reserved area at the end of University Court) or parking at the lot in the park (Teaneck). Set up could go more smoothly next year. Some tables were outside tent vs. inside. Ascertain preferences beforehand. We think it’s a good spot. Better than last year. The food went fairly quickly. We may not have needed a stage. The drummers didn’t need a stage. We may not need a stage next year. The music brought more students over. We should have recorded music played before and after the live music. Rich suggested we hold competitions around the venue (e.g. a Bacchi competition), something to attract students in advance. Professors could offer extra credit for classes.

Plant sale: We sold only a few plants. We discussed when we might schedule a plant sale. Mary could do it 3-4 pm on Thursday, 5/19.

Garden: We’re applying for the permit for the gazebo and meeting with the landscape architect on May 18 at 2 pm.

Next year, we want to finish the signage project.

As students were at the meeting, we solicited their input for projects. Ramona said that water bottles are a problem. We could do better recycling them. They don’t have recycling bins at Northpoint. We could tell Dick Frick to put recycle containers there. We could speak to Brita or Zero Water about giving students a good price. We could look into water bottles that have a filter component. Anything we do that involves the residence halls has to go through the director and Craig Mourton. It’s better for the students to use filters. We may want to survey students to see what they’ll actually use. We could look into what other schools do for this.

Rich suggested an orchard. They created an apple orchard at Madison. We could put in 10 trees for a mini orchard. Within 5 yrs, the trees should mature.

Pavan had an idea to buy a windmill for $500 or $600 as a prototype. Maybe the engineering dept could build one.

Bloom Electrons is a company that has a fuel and oxygen to produce electricity. It would reduce 50% of the carbon emissions.

To present our power point, Jamie will find out when Freshmen Orientation and try to get us on the schedule for it.