Green Campus Committee Meeting

November 30, 2011

Present: Cynthia Radnitz, Alice Benzecry, Joan Leder, Sylvia Colon-Cobassa, Jamie Zibulsky, Kent Fairfield, Chris Sorensen, Allen McDaniel.

Garden

We reported on bulb planting. Alice, Cynthia, two students and three children planted a few hundred bulbs in the new garden.

We need to coordinate with Beth about doing a garden “opening” event April 25.

Earth Day

Alice emailed Jessica Harris to announce Earth Day on the Calendar. Possible vendors: Yogurt place, Subaru.

Alice’s and Cynthia’s Sabbatical Replacements.

Jamie has agreed to function as sabbatical replacement for Cynthia and Alice as co-chairperson of this committee. Kent will replace Alice as faculty advisor for the Green team.

Alice will ask Josh Stout in the biology department to look after the greenhouse.

Duties we’ll have to take over: Earth Day vendors, accounts, Hackensack clean-up day. We should send our donor an email with a little report. He had asked for a sign on the greenhouse. Craig agreed to allow him to put a sign on the greenhouse saying that he’s the donor.

Sustainability Conference

Christina Catalano is spearheading an effort to launch a sustainability conference. Kent is mentoring her. We will explore how the Green Campus Committee and Green Team can participate. He has some ideas as to the agenda. There will be a keynote speaker on sustainability and then workshop time.

Becoming a university-wide committee.

Jim Salierno’s committee on the Madison Campus is different from our committee. They’re more involved in curriculum. He’s interested in what we’re doing. He’s interested in having the signage on both campuses. They have better recycling containers. We can revisit this issue. We can invite them to our Jan 11 meeting.

Signage:
Most people liked the slogan, “Turn it off. Shut it down. Close it. Save the Earth.” Allen pointed out that signage for recycling containers would also be helpful. **We will send out an email to see what the best wording on the signage would be.** Alice will email Elena Aronson about making these signs a class project.

Chris noted that we needed to liaison with Hackensack in addition to Teaneck. Alice knows who the University town liaisons are but doesn’t remember their names. We could invite them to one of our meetings to let them know what we’re doing. Alice noted that we may get further by speaking to Charlotte in Hackensack as she is the community outreach person.

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 11 at 1:00 pm in the Susan B. Anthony Conference room.