Green Campus Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2010

Present: Joan Leder, Jenna Leder, Cynthia Radnitz, Jamie Zibulsky, Dick Frick, Shmuel Bieler, Alice Benzecry, Chris Sorensen, Rich Panicucci.

Cynthia reminded the members who were present that we were having a Greenway hike on Thursday, Oct. 14.

We discussed which projects we wanted to take on:

**Signage**

Dick Frick is OK with signage for dorms encouraging green behaviors.

We might look at the cost of producing signs that encourage green behaviors. Possible vendors include the copy center, Signarama and Fast Signs (8.5 x 11 price $1500 for 1000). Dick will ask PSE & G if they have them and will donate them. County has a recycling coordinator. We may get them for free from them also.

**Recycling**

We will start Organics recycling in the main cafeteria on campus. We will not compost on site. We will pay Waste Management to do this twice a week.

Alice brought up recycling cooking oil for the township of Teaneck. Dick told her to speak to Bob Valenti.

Alice also brought up the township of Teaneck picking up our recyclables for free. Dick said we don’t pay for recycling receptacles and we don’t pay for them to pick it up.

Ac. to Dick, we can’t do Recyclemania because it costs too much for extra containers.

Dick explained better the process of recycling and garbage disposal. We have separated stuff into recycle containers since 1996. We don’t pay for any recycling unless it’s contaminated. Now, it goes out as garbage. We are hoping that by spring, 2011, Waste Management will separate trash from recyclable material on top of our efforts to separate.

Recycling outdoors: Dick Frick will look at recycling outdoors. It takes more time, but he would be willing to experiment with it. Alice brought up that there are outdoor receptacles for recyclables.

Alice brought up that recycling containers were being moved. How could they be secured? Dick will work with the cleaners to make sure that the containers are together and secured. Students were asking for recycle bins in the dorms.
As for other recycling (computers, batteries), we could publicize the County/municipality recycling days for these things. Otherwise we would jeopardize our status as a minimal producer of these materials. The only exception is that if a company can provide us with manifests and document that they are a NJ approved recycling center with that type of item.

**The University’s Green Efforts**

Cynthia asked about a green fundraising campaign to pay for updating outdated HVAC equipment. Dick said that it would be great to raise money for HVAC. Although there is some concern that people won’t contribute, it was worth a try.

Chris asked Dick about the University’s “green” efforts. Dick said that we look at return on investment and therefore have invested more in “green” equipment at the outset.

We will be going out to bid between January and March for electricity. We have significantly reduced the cost per kwh on the commodity piece. This was over 1 million dollars in savings. We have 10.5-11.5% renewable energy. Our contracts run out May 5, 2011. We did the same thing with natural gas. We bid it as a consortium with other schools.

The new SUB will not have solar panels, but it will be certifiably green. We actually have very little usable roof space.

Dick committed to being here every other month.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 26 at 11:30 am in the Susan B. Anthony Conference Room