Green Campus Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 21, 2010

Present: Ish Kumar, Alice Benzecry, Richard Panicucci, Jamie Zibulsky, Allen McDaniels, Cynthia Radnitz, Sylvia Colon-Calbassa

1. Cynthia reviewed the River Walk that was held on September 15, Daniel David led the walk with two graduate students and Dr. Radnitz. They picked up two bags of trash. Future walks are scheduled for October 14 (Thursday) and November 15 (Monday).

2. There have been two organizing meetings for the Green Team. Seven students attended the first meeting and nine attended the second meeting. They are setting up a table for Peace Day and will bring materials to make peace bracelets.

3. The Green Campus Committee will participate in the Wellness Fair. We are trying to make it more ecologically friendly. We will have a sign-up sheet for the Green Team. And, a few students will put up posters related to health and the environment. We will send out an email asking for volunteers.

4. The books are still in the Greenhouse. Alice will contact Facilities to have them moved.

5. We will send out an email that the Greenhouse still has space available. We may have time to plant and cultivate Christmas Cactus.

6. We discussed getting more chairs in the Greenhouse but a firm decision was not made.

7. We discussed which project(s) we might undertake this year. Some suggestions were:
   a. Obtain an industrial composter. However, this would be very expensive. And it would probably involve only a few committee members.
   b. Recycle cooking oil into vehicles. We will investigate if a new public safety vehicle might be diesel (and therefore, able to run on recycled cooking oil as a percentage of the fuel). For this, we would need to speak with Mike Aiello.
   c. An initiative to increase the number of recycling containers on campus and improve their signage. We would also put up more signs throughout campus. We would need to ask Dick Frick to a meeting. We also discussed recycling electronics and cel phones as well as having outside bins.
   d. Create a garden. We would have to find a location. We could grow plants in the greenhouse to plant in the garden. We could also allocate space to various campus departments as a “community” garden. However, there should be a landscape architect involved to make sure the garden is environmentally friendly, esthetically pleasing, and in bloom when the students are here.

8. THE NEXT GCC MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12 AT 1 PM IN THE SUSAN B. ANTHONY CONFERENCE ROOM.