

Green Campus Committee Minutes
Tuesday, December 9, 2008

Subcommittee Reports

Energy

Members of the Energy Subcommittee met with Dick Frick to discuss how we might help reduce energy consumption on the Teaneck-Hackensack campus. Mr. Frick suggested there was an important role for education to reduce energy waste. More specifically, we decided to 1) create an educational power point presentation that we would put on the University website and that members would present at various campus meetings during the spring semester and 2) create signs that could be placed on computers, near light switches, etc to remind people to use less energy. In addition, we can coordinate with the Recycling Committee so that educational material about that issue would be presented as well.

Recycling

Members of the Recycling Subcommittee met with Dick Frick also. He told them that he didn’t think Recylemania was such a good idea because it cost too much money. Instead, he felt we should create guidelines for recycling at the University. Boxes should be placed by photocopy machines for recycling paper with instructions that only certain types of paper are acceptable. Unfortunately, the recycled paper market has “collapsed” with big inventories building up. A lot of it is being carted to landfills. Ultimately, a recycling policy (or guidelines) should be created by the University.

Greenhouse

Bill Burgermaster who has submitted a competitive bid for rebuilding the greenhouse was present at the meeting. He described his plans for building a “green” greenhouse including various options we would need to decide upon. We also discussed options for funding the project including contacting the county’s master gardener to see if there is county money available, identifying a donor who would like to attach his/her name to a building, and companies interested in homeopathic medicine. Students may be involved in the fundraising effort. We also need to ascertain the status of the greenhouse’s current plumbing and electrical connectivity. Rich will speak with Dick Frick about this.