

## **Clean Energy Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Date: 9-February-07**

**Time: 3-5pm**

**Place: Facilities Conference Room (Lab II)**

#### ***Main Objectives:***

1. Announcements;
2. Updates on progress of tasks from previous meeting;
3. Discussion on what to do with the money when electricity expenditure is less than the money collected;
4. Review application and process;
5. Future meeting schedule.

**Attendees:** Tom Mercado, Paul Smith, Andy Deffobis, Chelsie Papiez, Maggie Philipsborn, John Pumilio. Absent: Rob Cole.

#### **Topic 1: Announcements:**

- John passed out PSE energy mix pie chart;
- Maggie and John are on a clean energy panel at University of Puget Sound next Thursday (Feb 15) with Steve Trotter. This is part of UPS Eco-Fest and their inquiry into looking for opportunities to increase clean energy production on their campus. Other members on the panel include: Tacoma Power & Light & Western Washington University;
- We canceled Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting due to scheduling conflicts and other interests.

#### **Topic 2: Task updates from previous meeting:**

- **Andy Deffobis:**
  - contacts Puget Sound Energy to gain further details into our purchase of Green Tags (i.e. who does PSE purchase their Green Tags from, is it Green-e certified, are they from new sources, etc.); **Andy did this, gave us an update and will forward the email response to John (who will forward to the rest of the committee).**
  - check with WashPIRG for potential announcement during the February 2<sup>nd</sup> showing of “An Inconvenient Truth.” **Andy attended this showing and informed us that about 10-15 students remained for a discussion after the documentary. Andy gave them an update and overview of the Clean Energy Committee.**
- **Maggie Philipsborn:**

- article to CPJ editors prior to next Mondays (Jan 29) deadline; Maggie submitted the article but it has yet to appear in the CPJ. It will be in next Thursday's publication.
- contact Art Costantino's office for authorization to send an all student email regarding the Clean Energy Committee; Maggie was refused by the office personnel and told that the all student emails should be kept to business only. We all disagreed and felt that our committee was an appropriate use of the all student email system. Paul is going to follow through on this.
- reserve CAB table; we agreed that Feb 14<sup>th</sup> will be a good date to have a table in the CAB building with forms and to increase awareness regarding the Clean Energy Committee. We also realized that this date may not be available, so we identified other options:
  - Option #1: CAB Feb 14<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-2pm;
  - Option #2: Outside the Library Building Feb 14<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-2pm;
  - Option #3: CAB Feb 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:30-2pm.

Maggie will inform us by email what option worked out.

- **John Pumilio:**

- update the wording in the Grant Guideline sheet and forward to Paul Smith; **done.**
- see if time is available during Feb 8<sup>th</sup> all faculty meeting to make a brief announcement updating the Clean Energy initiative; **done.**
- check with Susan Bustetter on Clean Energy Committee on front page of website in the "What's new" scroll; **done – information was forwarded to Susan and she said she would be happy to post our information on the What's new section of the college website.**

- **Paul Smith:**

- oversee formatting update on Grant Guideline sheet; **done.**

- **Tom Mercado:**

- establish new email address for Clean Energy Committee; **done.**

### **Topic 3: Discussion on what to do with the money when electricity expenditure is less than the money collected**

**Discussion:** We agreed that before any substantial decisions are made we should give the Clean Energy Fund a chance to mature (so we can see what trends emerge). The current concern is what to do with the extra money when energy expenditures for green tags is considerably lower than the clean energy fee. We decided to follow the protocol established in the original proposal which was to roll it into the Clean Energy Fund. If this trend continues then we may consider (after 5 years) reducing the fee imposed on students to bring things more into balance.

#### **Topic 4: Review application and process**

**Discussion:** We received our first application of the quarter for a Hydrogen Fuel Cell. This inspired a conversation about when to review applications and the format for conducting proposal presentations:

1. March 5<sup>th</sup> – Application Deadline for Winter Quarter 2007  
March 9<sup>th</sup> – Proposal Presentations. We decided on no more than three presentations per meeting. Each presentation would be given a ½ hour slot (15 minutes for presentation, 5 minutes for questions, 10 minutes for committee members to deliberate).

#### **Topic 5: Future Meetings (mark your schedules!):**

1. February 9<sup>th</sup>; *done*
2. February 23<sup>rd</sup>; *cancelled*
3. March 9<sup>th</sup>. *YES – This is our next Meeting – we will schedule three presentations for this meeting time.*

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#### **Topic 6: Recap of Next Steps (Tasks);**

- **Andy Deffobis:**
  - Emails overview of conversation with PSE regarding “Green Tags”
- **Maggie Philipsborn:**
  - Reserves table in CAB or outside and under Library roof. She will email us on what date and time was finally settled on;
  - Create advertisement for next weeks CPJ publication.
- **John Pumilio:**
  - Reach out to committee members to determine a date for the “Tunnel Tour” of Evergreen’s inner bowels and facilities operations.
- **Paul Smith:**
  - Contacts Art Costantino’s office to recommend an all student email regarding the Clean Energy Committee.
- **Tom Mercado:**
  - (or Maggie) contacts Craig Chanin King advising him to resubmit his application following the format on the application.