

Clean Energy Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: 1-May-07

Time: 1-3pm

Place: Facilities Conference Room (Lab II)

Main Objectives:

Discussion on future of Clean Energy Initiative – how do we increase interest and promote big ideas?

Attendees: Rich Davis, Andy Deffobis, Chelsie Papiez, Maggie Philipsborn, John Pumilio.

Discussion:

How do we generate interest in the Clean Energy Initiative and facilitate big ideas?

We decided that the best approach would be to review current and future academic offerings and reach out to the faculty members to excite their interest. Here is how we envision the process:

- Compile a list of current and 2007-08 academic offerings;
- Send an email/letter addressed to the faculty members from the Clean Energy Committee explaining what the mission of the Committee is, what resources are available, and to recommend class projects or end of the quarter reports looking for ways to reduce Evergreen's energy use stemming from non-renewable sources. This letter should end by asking faculty members to contact so we can discuss options for their program.
- The Clean Energy Committee needs to establish a list of areas where we need research and ideas. Here is a preliminary list:
 - Increase Energy Efficiency – identify the low hanging fruit
 - Reduce single occupancy vehicle commuting
 - Reduce the amount of purchased electricity
 - Increase on-campus energy production from clean, renewable sources OR reduce overall energy use

Student research can provide detailed information on how to make these initiatives happen.

- Our hope is to begin this process this quarter by asking for 5-minutes at the start of relevant classes to educate the students on the Clean Energy Initiative and to encourage their participation.

Additional discussion:

- We talked about what the Clean Energy Committee's relationship will be with the Master Planning Consultants and the new energy services company we are in the process of hiring. We realize the potential overlap in ideas and work. However, we also recognize that each group has a different focus and the Clean Energy Committee's focus should be on engaging the student body that provides an practical educational opportunity. That is, our role is to help facilitate student participation in the institution's decision-making process on energy issues. The Clean Energy Committee has the finances to leverage authority.
- The Clean Energy Committee needs to establish a relationship with the Geoduck Student Union.
- The Clean Energy Committee continues to favor the idea of maintaining a portion of the fund for small-scale individual projects/ideas.

Discussion:

The Clean Energy Committee recognizes the need to establish a formal mission statement.

We will spend our next meeting drafting a mission statement that will help clarify our purpose to our community.

Tasks:

Chelsie – research this quarter's academic offerings for potential program support.

John – research 2007-08 academic offerings for potential program support.

Maggie – draft form letter that will be sent to faculty members inviting their programs to participate in the Clean Energy Initiative.

~ NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY, 4-MAY-07, FACILITIES CONFERENCE ROOM, 3-5PM ~