**Clean Energy Committee 11/14/14**

1st Hearing of the Academic Year

Present: Thomas Mercado, Jeanne Rynne, Jesse Honiker, Nicholas Wooten, Yesha Maggi, Paisley Gallagher, Rhianna Hruska, Joe Martino

**Proposal:**

Joe Martino from RAD Services invoice

Install South Sound Solar panels

-wireless router to access information online (data collection set)

-panels in WA, compare panels, any issues with panels

-wants to make solar project available to faculty to incorporate the solar classes

-South Sound Solar will not track data, but will get email alerts about any info that may pose issues and call to check in

-clean panel every six months (RAD)

-sales tax not mentioned (can potentially be about $60 more than invoice)

-can website label site as Evergreen State College on map (password protected)

-installed by South Sound Solar, maintained by RAD

-solar exposure on campus to see where to get most out of the money

-flyers as an idea of increasing visibility (like flyers or green-screens each month)

-RAD could post on Greener Commons or make their blog more visible

-links to evergreen.edu/sustainability

-enhances ideas that have been previously funded

-budgeted for $17, 000 for the school year

-South Sound Solar founded by an Evergreen Alumni

Motion to Fund the Project

**Current Projects:**

-Bats at the Farm

-Solar Analysis at Evergreen

**Sustainable Policy Group:**

-Proposal: once a week meetings that bring students together to discuss policy recommendations that could improve aspects of campus

-platform to name any ideas

-encourage facts behind what needs to change (statistics/pros & cons)

-policies could go towards next CAP that gets written up

-could talk to people in WASHPIRG, GSU, or faculty

-look at current policies and where they came from

**AASHE 2014 in Portland, OR**

-Nick: valued the opportunity to talk to people from other institutions

-policy group idea mentioned in AASHE presentations

-connect with people on a broader scale 🡪 various interests in one

-Paisley: education to schools using terrarium 🡪 can be teaching tool (gardening

model)

-expo hall -products that can be utilized on campus

-Yesha: value Evergreen’s seminar system

-using buildings as a living lab & integrating into curriculum

-Tilth 2014 🡪 organics certification

Farm Bill: switched money from subsidies to crop insurance

🡪 people will sometimes say crops were destroyed and sell in a different market

-SNAP benefits – if they buy fruits and vegetables then benefits area doubled compared to buying frozen food

-SNAP benefits in Olympia Farmers Market 🡪 considering doubling benefits