

CEC Minutes

October 2, 2009, 1:00-3:00
Facilities Conference Room

Members present: Paul Smith, Dani Madrone, Connor Birkeland, E. J. Zita, Tom Mercado, Matt Trokan

Also present: Scott Morgan, Steve Trotter, Courtney Hayden, Justin Phillips

Clarifying the role of the CEC

The following issues will be addressed in a survey to the students before we decide on proposed changes to the initiative.

Going beyond local for clean energy:

This is an issue of supporting local economy and infrastructure in the NW vs. global reduction of CO₂ emissions. We are not bound by a contract to purchase green tags from PSE.

Reevaluation of fee structure:

The current fee structure does not reflect the actual spending of the CEC. We could reevaluate the percentages for green tags and clean energy projects. We could also restate the initiative so that we have more flexibility with spending after the green tags are covered. Other ideas: providing a graduate fellowship or clean energy scholarship, dedicate an amount for administrative support, reserve money specifically for clean energy events.

Police services proposal with Art Constantino

Proposal is not yet supported. We asked for more information about when the PSE grant will be decided, if Police Services could provide a plan to reduce the need to drive, determine the suitability of a Ford Escape hybrid for police work, and tell us how much this vehicle will be driven.

Electric Vehicle for Parking Services

Art spoke about the EV, but provided no new information. Currently, we are investigating a more appropriate use of this vehicle.

Biomass Gasification Proposal with Steve Trotter

Steve presented a powerpoint proposal that illustrated the history of sustainability efforts, the current carbon footprint, and a biomass gasification project investigated by Paul Smith and Rich Davis in BC. This project would reduce more than 5,000 tons of CO₂ emissions a year. Major concerns involve where the wood chips will come from (most likely bought from the logging industry) and how students could be involved in every step of the process. We asked for more details on student involvement, the timeline, and the budget. We need to notify the public of this proposal and make a decision before October 19.

Applicants for the CEC

Matt Trokan is returning to the CEC as the administrative liaison for this quarter only. Christina Smith was voted in as the Community Outreach Coordinator.

Plato Series student development workshop

This development workshop will be planned by the students of the CEC pending the approval of the faculty coordinating the series of events.

Student proposal

Courtney Hayden from the Energy Systems program was present at the meeting to propose an idea of documenting Evergreen's sustainability progress and touring to other schools to promote green programs. The CEC may not be able to fund this whole proposal because it is not an on-campus project, but we may be able to fund a portion of it. She will return with an official proposal.