

## **CEC Minutes**

October 16, 2009, 1:00-3:00

Facilities Conference Room

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

*Also present:* Steve Trotter

### **Final Comments on Gasification Proposal and Forum**

Final comments were discussed following the public forum in Lecture Hall 4 presenting the biomass gasification project to students, staff, and faculty. Though the turnout was low, there does seem to be some student concern about the sources of the biomass used in this project. We agreed that students should be involved in every step of the project. The Committee approved the proposal, providing up to \$125,000 to support the pre-design of the biomass gasification facility, with revisions specifying the use of sustainable biomass choices.

### **Student vote on revision for Clean Energy Initiative**

We need to set up a survey (perhaps through surveymonkey?) to ask students the following:

- Where do you want your money to go?
- Would you like to see a \$19,000 Fellowship supported by the CEC?
- Should we cover labor costs?
- Should the CEC explore beyond local solutions to green tags and carbon credits?
- Should we broaden our scope to projects that promote sustainability?
- Or education?

We also discussed increasing the stipend for CEC committee members, since we meet much more regularly than when the initiative was written. We agree that funding students' travel expenses doesn't fall under the initiative. Perhaps the only exception would be to send CEC committee members to energy-related conferences. A budget also needs to be developed for next year. A clearer mission statement needs to be written to align better with the Climate Action Plan.

### **Revision of Flaming Eggplant contract**

The Flaming Eggplant has indicated that they will be submitting another proposal soon. There is an issue with subleasing between those using the EVs on campus. We need to consider checking the Flaming Eggplant vehicle for miles and road capability. We also need to get a larger sticker showing that it was paid for with the CEC fee and make sure they agree to let us use it for educational purposes (with notice) for events like the Clean Energy Fair.

### **Development of an Award Letter**

An award letter from a previous year apparently already exists. Once we find it, we need to update it to make sure it emphasizes the importance of educating the Evergreen community and reporting back to the CEC.

### **Clean Energy website**

We are still waiting to get access to edit the website straightened out. In the meantime we will need to discuss further what needs to be updated, such as:

- Progress of the committee (approved grants, current projects, events)
- Grant proposal deadlines
- Agendas and minutes
- Updated brochure

### **Parking Services and the electric vehicle**

It seems that Parking Services might not be the best placement for the second EV. Can we find someone else on campus who could better utilize the vehicle? Should we consider allowing it to be checked out, or testing it with different people to see who would get the most use out of it?

### **Wrap-up**

Next meeting is October 30 from 1-3 in the Student Activities conference room.