



Greening the Grafton Campus Committee Minutes May 6, 2005

Attending: Gretchen Kaufman, Jim Phillips, Monica McDonald, Sandy Rivers, Janine Calabro, Marcus Archambeault

Old business:

- **Greenie awards** – April Paul was selected for the Greenie of the year – Plaque will be presented to her by Rich Harding and a jacket ordered. ; Josue Ojoy was honored on the One Source staff (Plaque, letter, free lunch)
- Trail system on campus – Kavishti Kokaram is writing a proposal to do trail improvements over the summer. He will organize volunteer student group to wants to mark trees, etc. with informational signs and be able to use for Gap Junction and other educational purposes. We are thinking about planning a “Spring morning” activity to 1) plant the remaining trees from Sustainability week 2) plant wildflowers in the wildlife field, and 3) walk the existing trails again.
- Patrick is still researching the amount of paper that we use at the Vet School. We hope to calculate the differential cost if 100% recycled paper were used.
- The number of unnecessary internal paper memos – not much to contribute at this meeting. One student AVM memo was brought up. Students saw everyone just toss these. Pat Goodall has switched to emailing the hospital schedule instead of printing and mailing – she deserves recognition (“spontaneous acts of greenness”).
- Janine Calabro - design that could be attached to the paper towel units around campus still pending.
- Rodent control question – still pending – need to meet with the vendor. He has been difficult to schedule.
- Fair trade coffee in the Cafeteria – still need to set up a preference survey

New business:

○ **Recycling in the Hospitals**

Senior Tech meeting – Dr. Karas and Gretchen addressed senior techs about more we can do in the hospitals – this was warmly received. A **technical staff coordinator** was identified in Leslie Fleming. She is very enthusiastic, but will probably not be able to attend our meetings. She will act as the coordinator/promoter for staff in the hospital. She is also very interested in working on Environmentally Preferable Purchasing.

A **walk through** was conducted in the hospital to identify areas where new barrels needed to accommodate more plastic/glass/can and paper recycling. Maps were made of new recycle collection spots and materials need to be ordered, including signs for the barrels. Rich Harding would prefer that we do away with the wall signs, since they don't hold up and look very messy. We should prepare more comprehensive barrel signs, with select stickies to identify special items, such as syringe boxes in the hospital area. A draft what hospital items can be recycled was prepared and will be revised based on technical staff input.

○ **Compost** – is now available in the regular spot – need to publicize.

○ A proposal for a **Bicycle recycling activity** was presented by Marcus Archambeault that the committee will consider for a fall activity. This involves collecting old bicycles and sending them through an organization to Boston for inner city disadvantaged kids and overseas. Marcus will keep this project on the back burner and start laying the groundwork. A date still needs to be set, perhaps in coordination with one of the fall bicycle races.

○ **Open house presence/activities** → Open house this year is Saturday, September 10. We will devote our next meeting to planning a Green presence at Open house. Dee Andrutis will be invited.

○ **Bird issues** – TIE has agreed to support research to be conducted this summer on how to handle our persistent bird problem on the buildings on campus.

○ **Suggested green alert/acknowledgement** - it was suggested that we regularly acknowledge green achievements that staff spontaneously carry out, such as Pat Goodhalls switch to electronic hospital schedule. Also John Keating remembered to double side copy his exams this year!

○ **Setting priorities for next year:** some ideas to consider – water management, cleaning materials used on campus

Future meetings:

June 3rd – focusing on Open House