



# The College of New Jersey

## PRESIDENTS CLIMATE COMMITMENT COMMITTEE

### Committee

- Curt Elderkin, Assistant Professor of Biology (elderkin@tcnj.edu)
- Larry Gage, Assistant Director of Counseling Services (gage@tcnj.edu)
- Michael Horst, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering (horst@tcnj.edu)
- Michael Brower, Env. Activities Coordinator, Bonner Center (brower6@tcnj.edu)
- Andrew Mathe, Student Government Association (mathe2@tcnj.edu)
- Colleen Perry, Assistant Director of Career Services (cperry@tcnj.edu)
- Nadine Stern, Vice President of Information Technology (stern@tcnj.edu)
- Megan Terry, Student Government Association (terry4@tcnj.edu)

### Staff to the Committee

- Curt Heuring, VP for Facilities Management, Construction and Campus Safety
- Keith Dewey, Director of Grants and Corporate and Foundation Relations
- Judy Wingerter, Secretarial Assistant—Facilities Management, Construction and Campus Safety
- Lynda Rothermel, Campus Architect and Director of Planning
- Lori Winyard, Director of Energy and Central Utilities

Date: July 18, 2007

Time: 10:00-11:30am

Location: Administrative Services Building, Room 203

<u>Meeting Notes</u>	<u>Action By</u>
1) Review of minutes.	Horst
2) Members reported to committee:  C.Perry - C. Perry presented a draft of job description for the student assistant to the committee. It was agreed that the job description should include inventorying and analysis of data, as well as extending the opportunity of a possible paid internship if all such requirements and responsibilities are met.  It was also agreed that development of a benchmarking tool to track initiatives from other institutions and TCNJ (demonstrating history and progress) was a necessary beginning.  Hiring of the assistant will go through the standard procedure of the college. Chair of the committee will supervise the student assistant.  J. Wingerter was asked to set-up the budget account from which student payroll and other expenditures will be paid. It was agreed that C. Heuring and/or M. Horst would be supervisors of the budget.  Report on the Access of Mobility Study of TCNJ done by NJDOT was tabled until the next meeting of the committee.  L.Winyard – L. Winyard explained the New Jersey Clean Power Choice Program as an agreement with various energy suppliers making available the purchase of clean power. The committee decided to investigate the benefits (in addition to	All

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<p>positive public relations) of joining the organization. Decision to join will be determined next meeting.</p> <p>K. Dewey – K. Dewey reported that Deborah Knox is the new consultant to grant opportunities in the Foundations Office. K. Dewey will work to identify targets regarding environmental issues in order to generate funding resources. The need to plan and identify initiatives will be necessary to take advantage of some opportunities afforded through grants.</p> <p>It was suggested that M. Terry be asked to recap information regarding other schools she had been in contact with and share with the committee at the next meeting.</p> <p>C. Heuring – Report of meeting with the President and feedback from the Board of Trustees was tabled for the next meeting.</p>	
<p>3) Discussion – M. Horst discussed possible membership to AASHE. J. Wingerter will investigate the benefits of joining the organization and report findings at the next meeting. Decision to join will be made then.</p> <p>It was suggested that all committee members sign-up for free ASSHE Bulletin from the AASHE website.</p>	Horst
<p>4) Next Steps - Discussion ensued regarding the climate commitment goals. Everyone was in agreement that things are moving forward as documented by M. Horst's memo to the President.</p> <p>It was suggested the committee should plan to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Tap internal and external resources.(i.e. visit other institutions that could be used as examples – speak with leadership).</li><li>b. Document progress</li><li>c. Plan an all day retreat during January winter break to plan initiatives and objectives that may include and brainstorm with:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dean of Culture and Society and Dean of Science</li><li>Municipal Land Use Director – Martin Bierbaum</li><li>Sociology Chair</li></ul></li><li>d. Identify specific work projects and progress by calendar year.</li></ol>	All
<p>5) Next meeting – due to vacation conflicts the next meeting has been changed. Wednesday, August 15, 2007.</p>	Wingerter