



## The College of New Jersey

### PRESIDENTS CLIMATE COMMITMENT COMMITTEE

Date 19 March 2012

Location Art and Interactive Multi-Media Building (AIMM) 302

Attendees

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Horst, Faculty, Co-chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heather Camp, Bonner Center |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erica Hernandez, Bonner Center   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rita Mary King, Faculty     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Kroth, Staff             | <input type="checkbox"/> Winnie Fatton, Staff                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nathan MaGee, Faculty                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erin Murphy, Bonner Center  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tarika Mahal, Bonner Center      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judy Wingerter, Staff       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brian Potter, Faculty                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Lynnette Harris, Staff                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Curt Heuring, Staff, Co-chair    | <input type="checkbox"/> Lori Winyard, Staff                    |

Minutes

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| 1) Meeting minutes were approved  | All           |
| 2) Pledge cards – It was reported that there will be a press release created regarding the information on the pledge cards.   | Heather, Judy |
| 3) Competitions – A competition for Travers/Wolfe students to reduce energy usage is being planned. It is called “Do It in the Dark”. It was suggested that a tree be planted in front of the winning dorm and results will be published in the Signal during Green Week. Ed Gruber will be contacted regarding cost and planting of a tree.  | Heather       |
| 4) Forums   | Heather       |
| a. Water Watch students are considering organizing different activities during Green Week using a different theme each day (i.e. water-making a display out of water bottles, food-using local farms, energy conservation, recycling, demonstration garden kick-off). The committee asked that a schedule be provided for each day’s activity.  |               |
| 5) Demonstration Garden   | Heather       |
| a. Kick-off for this year’s garden will be on April 18 <sup>th</sup> . Seedlings are germinating. Garden will be moved to Green Lane and Metzger Drive (near the Green Farmhouse). A fence is needed and the soil needs to be tilled before the 18 <sup>th</sup> . The committee thought if interest was waning, it needs to be determined if effort is worth continuing.                               |               |
| 6) Tree Inventory – looking into procedure.   | Heather       |
| 7) Other Initiatives  | Heather       |
| a. Earth Hour – An idea to turn off lights in the main buildings on campus for one hour was presented to the committee in order to make a statement on campus regarding energy use. Safety and code issues could make this undoable. It was then suggested that Travers-Wolfe building only participate. Outside activities could be planned for that hour to encourage students to leave the building. |               |
| b. Reduce for Good Use – On May 4 <sup>th</sup> , Rescue Mission of Trenton will be on campus to collect discards from dorms. Staff members and students will be needed for 2 hour shifts to monitor the efforts. Dumpsters will be located at New Residence, Cromwell, and Travers Wolfe dormitories.  |               |
| 8) Curriculum – no update   | None          |

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- 9) Transportation – Administrative support is needed to support the ICARPOOL initiative. This person would act as liaison to the provider checking on problems, updates, and usage. It is expected to be a 2-4 hours weekly commitment. This needs to be promoted throughout the campus. R. King will announce it at the Staff Senate. Heuring
- 10) Website – no update Heather
- 11) Membership update All  
It was thought that more student involvement is needed on the PC3. Some suggestions were :
- a. Dean's nominate students
  - b. Dept. chairs nominate students
  - c. Send mass email to student body inviting application
  - d. Include application in freshman packet
  - e. Signal article to generate applications.
  - f. If the Provost was willing to have Dean's nominate people, there could be an representative from each School.
- 12) Announcements Winyard
- a. The College will not be going through with solar panels on parking garages due to funding issues.
  - b. Asset renewal programs from Facilities Management, Construction and Campus Safety (FMCCS) are some projects that are included in the Spiezel Report – Campus Action Plan. (i.e. roofing projects, HVAC retrofits, finished Rec Center - electric to co-gen plant, new buildings being built to LEED Silver standard.