

# CATF Energy Workgroup

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

*Present:* Mehdi Anwar (School of Engr.), Ron Gaudet (FacOps), Zbigniew Grabowski (OEP intern), Jay Johnston (ResLife), Philip Lang (Purchasing), Lee Langston (Professor Emeritus), Alysse Lembo (OEP intern), Benjamin Maycock (Facilities Mgmt.), Peter McQueeney (Facilities EMS), Rich Miller (OEP), Stanley Nolan (FacOps), Eugene Roberts (FacOps), Meghan Ruta (OEP), Jennifer Sayers (OEP), Frank Simao (Facilities Mgmt.)

*Next meeting:* TBD (April)

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### **ACTION ITEMS REQUESTED OF WORKGROUP MEMBERS:**

1. Review survey results and email comments to [Meghan.ruta@uconn.edu](mailto:Meghan.ruta@uconn.edu). Click [here](#) for survey results.
  2. Identify and be prepared to help evaluate the cost and feasibility of survey items related to your position.
  3. Contact Meg *as soon as possible* if you wish to participate in Earth Day (April 22<sup>nd</sup>).
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## **I. Review of February Survey Results**

A copy of the survey results was distributed to workgroup members for comment.

- Survey Scoring:
  - Strategies (broad-level approach to reductions) were ranked on a 0-3 scale, which corresponded with “Negligible”, “Moderate”, “Large”, and “Very Large” emissions reductions, respectively. These ratings are the amount of emissions reductions (and/or energy use reductions) that are likely to occur if the proposed initiative is implemented.
  - Tasks (specific actions to reduce emissions) were ranked on a similar 0-2 scale, which corresponded with “Negligible,” “Moderate,” and “Large” anticipated emissions reductions.
- As a reminder, the survey was meant to only rank proposed initiatives on their emissions reductions potential. Workgroup members were asked to not consider associated costs or potential barriers to implementation at this time.
- The results of the survey will provide guidance moving forward as to which strategies and tasks should be given priority in the CAP. Additional constraints such as cost or feasibility may cause a particular item to be removed from the list, however.
- Low scoring items (<1) would be evaluated by the co-chairs for removal from the list of recommendations.

## **II. Publicity & Outreach Discussion**

The question was raised as to whether the workgroup is at a point where the media should be contacted.

- Rich Miller is in discussion with University Relations to discuss when a more coherent publicity campaign should begin and what the components would be.
- Interest has been expressed by Mansfield residents to learn more about our CAP efforts.
- President Hogan will give opening remarks during Earth Day indicating progress on the climate action plan.
- Additional Earth Day efforts were recommended including:
  - A display promoting the benefits of our cogeneration facility (e.g. past vs. present energy generation at the University) with tours throughout the day.
  - A green bus tour or walk with President Hogan highlighting some of the features on campus that are helping to reduce our carbon footprint.
  - Contact the Connecticut Children’s Museum to see if we can borrow their light bulb-bicycle setup – peddle to try to light the bulb.
  - Contact our vendors to see if they would be interested in setting up display tables.
  - Contact the Fuel Cell Center to participate
- Additional outreach and education events – to promote energy conservation awareness - will occur throughout the year, including:
  - Husky WOW (Week of Welcome) educational events
  - Visitor Center trainings at the cogeneration facility

### III. Next Steps

The next task of the workgroup is to determine which strategies and tasks should be included in the final Climate Action Plan (CAP).

In order to do so, the co-chairs will call upon individual workgroup members to help evaluate the feasibility and cost of particular items on the list.

### IV. Follow-Up Action Items

1. Members are asked to **\*\*review the survey results\*\* and email comments to Meghan** as soon as possible ([Meghan.ruta@uconn.edu](mailto:Meghan.ruta@uconn.edu)). In particular, workgroup members are asked to **\*\*identify proposed strategies or tasks that should be removed from the list\*\*** for one or more of the following reasons:
  - Prohibitively expensive
  - Negligible emissions reductions impact
  - Not feasible (too difficult to implement, necessary infrastructure not in place, etc.)

The survey results are available for download at [http://www.ecohusky.uconn.edu/pcc/documents/Energy\\_SurveyScores.doc](http://www.ecohusky.uconn.edu/pcc/documents/Energy_SurveyScores.doc) or by clicking [here](#).

2. Individuals or groups interested in participating in **\*\*Earth Day\*\*** should contact Meg as soon as possible. Event space along Fairfield Way is filling up rapidly and may not be available at a later date.
3. Be prepared to **assist the co-chairs with \*\*evaluating the cost and/or feasibility\*\*** of proposed strategies or action items that relate to your position.