Sustainability Committee
Minutes – May 1, 2014  2:00 – 3:00

Present: Norman Takeya, Cynthia Smith, Bill Becker, Owen Miyamoto, Shidong Kan, Marcus Heresa, Glenn Young, Doug Boettner, Pat Gooch, Emily Kukulies. Guest: Iris Saito.

Minutes from April meeting
Minutes were approved with no changes

Water Fountains
An update was provided regarding new water fountains. ASUH-HCC funding has been approved with the condition that the student representatives be kept in the loop in decisions made on where the new fillable water stations will be located. Marcus did research and identified promising models to order. The existing plan is to install in Building 2, which needs to replace water fountains, and then expand on these for other parts of the campus.

Sustainability Fee
Other campus student bodies support this proposal however, HCC students do not want to see this implemented. The concern is control of use of money generated and ensuring it is spent for the intended purposes of sustainability efforts.

Sustainability Policy
The plan under review for the past few months was passed unanimously with no changes.

Lot 1 Trees
Further discussion took place about the plans for the trees in Lot 1 when construction on the new building begins. There are issues of carbon sequestering, and historic importance of the large banyan. The other trees are not native but the emphasis should be on repurposing / using the wood (e.g. mahogany) when they are removed. Bill Becker will follow up with the UH consultant met at the sustainability conference who provides advice on evaluating planning to address loss of these trees. It was also mentioned that there is Botany expertise at HonCC as well. A subcommittee will follow up on this investigation: Bill Becker, Norman Takeya, Glenn Young, Marcus Heresa, Emily Kukulies, Doug Boettner. For the future, need to ensure there is also input into the landscaping decisions for the new building (related to issues of shade, carbon sequestration etc.)

On a related note, the construction of the new building will also require thoughtful attention to issues of parking and transporting students from Lot 8.
AASHE
Bill sent via email information from AASHE related to challenges and best practices for campus sustainability practitioners. This should inform future planning of the Sustainability Committee.

System Representation
Bill Becker will succeed Norman as HonCC representative on the UH system committee.

Facilities Management
Doug announced that the campus will adding a facilities manager position (repurposing existing position); this position will work directly with the Sustainability committee and include environmental awareness and responses as part of job (included in the DQ's for the position). Down the road, the campus might need to look to have a sustainability coordinator. Anyone interested in serving on the search committee was asked to contact Doug.

Future Goals for the Sustainability Committee
- Need to do some kind of branding for the Committee. This might include a logo – perhaps the Commercial Arts program can be asked to work on this in Fall.
- The College needs to become a member of AASHE.
- Development of a Sustainability Committee plan – and rollout to the campus. This plan must be linked to activities of Johnson controls. Bill Becker sent out an initial draft via email and asked for comments.
- Build for campus activities around Earth Day
- Work to develop environmentally oriented curriculum (by Spring 2015).
- Recruit students for creation of a student club.
- Creation of a HCC Sustainability website.