Sustainability Meeting 11/14/11

Attendance
Kristen Charles, Peggy Lopipero, Bob Boles, Erika Delacorte, Deborah Levy, Anastasia Fiandaca, Jana Zanetto, Crima Pogge, Vince Paratore, Ian Robertson, Sophie Park, Shanell Williams

Update from Green Corps
- Farmers’ Market: Best location for the market seems to be MUB parking lot – south end of east side. This would require use of a number of faculty parking slots on market days. After clarifying the number of spaces needed, Ian will start the process of taking this proposal through Shared Governance, bringing it first to the Academic Senate and Parking and Transportation.

- Greenfest: Members of the Green Corps volunteered at Greenfest (11/12-11/13) and invited some of the vendors there to attend a sustainable gift fair at City College. G.C. hopes to get support for the gift fair from Academic Senate to encourage faculty to publicize the event to their students. Also to encourage faculty to buy sustainable gifts at the fair since prices may be higher than what most students can afford.

Update on Sust. 91
- Peggy reports that Engineering Dept chair got funding for two sections of a two-unit Applied Research class. Students will pursue a semester-long project related to promoting sustainability on campus. They will receive three hours of mentoring per week from either Peggy or Hitesh (who will have one section each).

- Such projects might be organizing a Sustainability Conference at CCSF; growing vegetables on campus (Vince, from Culinary says that his Department has been thinking about starting a rooftop kitchen garden), renewing the Bikery (campus bike repair station).

- Projects could also involve collaboration with community organizations such as Literacy for Environmental Justice.

Update on Center for Habitat Restoration
- Crima is hoping to expand the Center’s work with the Golden Gate National Park Conservancy (GGNPC). Currently, her students receive extra credit for participating in one of GGNPC seven (per semester) Saturday work sessions. The all-day program includes educational walk-talks and work such as removal of non-natives, clearing trails, and new planting.

- Her goal is to reach out to students who are not taking classes in environmental studies, who are not nature buffs, who may be unfamiliar with the parks system.
• Jana, Deborah and Erika think GGNPC work would be a good addition to ESL classes and particularly appropriate for lab credit for classes in the listening-speaking sequence. It could also be incorporated into an environmental unit in composition classes.

• Crima will email project details to ESL instructors (via Jana, Deborah and Erika) and to English instructors (via Anastasia, who works with a number of English instructors and Peggy, whose husband is an English instructor).

Update on Grants
• Kristin will have time to work on proposals for Sustainability in early January. Her office will search for potential funding sources in preparation for a meeting with interested members of the Sustainability Committee in her office to discuss possible proposals. The meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 14, 2-3:30 in Cloud 306**. Shannel, Peggy, Deborah and Erika will be attending. Others are welcome.

Update on Website
• Hitesh has led two work sessions, which have resulted in choice of format and the following seven sub-topics: About Sustainability, Courses and Program, Join the Effort, Campus Initiatives, Events, Activities & Announcements, and Going Green (Or, “Best Practices”). [There was general agreement that terminology still needs some work, to clarify the difference between ‘Events’ and ‘Activities & Announcements.’] Some of these categories already have sub-categories, for example, Campus Initiatives includes Waste Management, Transportation, and Food & Water.

• Each area must have a “content owner,” who will be responsible for keeping information updated. Anastasia has agreed to own Courses and Programs; Hitesh to own About Sustainability, Ian and Sophie to own Join the Effort, Kristin to own Campus Initiatives; Bob Boles to be active in developing Going Green.

• Website work sessions will be in **Science 30 on Wednesday, 11/30 from 9-11** and on **Thursday, 12/8 from 1-3**.

**Next Sustainability Meeting:**  **Monday, 12/12, MU 398**