

## Campus Greening Committee

November 11, 2010

- 1) Lori - Recycling & Composting Bins
  - a. Compost bins are complete and in-use.
  - b. Recycling bins are on Will's drawing board and will be built by the time we're back from bread. There is already one behind Eaton. It's in-use and looks great.
  - c. Lori will bring up worms with B&G to speed up the process.
  - d. Eric will offer up some worms – seasonally. Red wigglers dig between 55 and 70 degrees. Discussion of worms being introduced next spring.
  - e. Scott and Zepher will work on getting signs ready to go to print.
- 2) Lisa's work from last year that she wants to pick up again.
  - a. At the end of the VLS website is carbon reduction plan. It may need to be updated. She asked that everyone look at it and raise substantive discussion at the next meeting.
  - b. VLS doesn't have an administrator looking at sustainability measures each year aside from money spent.
  - c. Idea for incoming students to take a pledge. Melissa will send information about creating the pledge and carbon footprint quiz.
- 3) Sustainability Scorecard. Colleges are ranked for eco-friendly campuses based on certain criteria that are re-evaluated each year. CGC may want to consider VLS to jump on that. There may be hesitancy because VLS prides itself in environmentalist and would look bad if VLS received a bad score.
- 4) Then the discussion turned to food and encouraging personal awareness around food.
- 5) The Library changed over to LEDs. Lori mentioned that B&G has many LEDs to switch out.
- 6) Monica and Eric present the Veg-Pledge. Encouraged SBA to reduce meat served on campus. They presented environmental and health reasons. Veg-Pledge: student groups will commit to vegetarian or vegan. Groups that don't would be required to pick up the impacts of meat and provide places to pick up local meats. She wants CGC to create the materials and then present it to Animal Law Society. The SBA will then vote on adding a clause to the SBA bylaws.
  - a. Suggestion for giving sustainable food sheets to both groups.
  - b. Allie informed Monica about how CGC works and said she'd raise this issue at the next meeting to the entire group.
  - c. Monica is looking for SBA, CGC, ELS stamp of approval. She and Eric are not a "group" but are passionate about the issue. Monica is looking for help. Monica wants support for 1) Veg-Pledge and 2) help with peer review process and creating the documents to give to SBA groups.

- d. Allie also mentioned that CGC doesn't necessarily have a system for voting and so how we'd go about that. CGC votes by consensus.
  - e. Review: Monica will put together a full proposal. CGC will discuss the proposal at the next meeting and then give feedback to Monica.
- 7) Consumption and Purchasing Local.
- a. Discussion of making students more aware of the Co-op.
  - b. Promote CSAs. Winter Farmer's Markets – even one in the Red Door Church.