ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item:  Presentation by Brian Pipkin

Discussion:  Mr. Pipkin presented a strategic energy management initiative or “energy dashboard” with the help of a design group, to become operational in May, with the purpose to educate the campus community on how much energy is being used, and ways to decrease energy consumption, while maintaining ongoing teaching and research. The premise is based on a senate bill, with the intention of comparing current energy usage with the fiscal year 2002-2003, with the goal of decreasing current energy consumption by 30% by the year 2015. The “Dashboard” will allow campus faculty, staff, students, etc. to identify where energy usage is and to be able to contribute to decreasing energy consumption by such means as temperature control, adjustment of lighting, etc. Phase I will involve the East & West campuses. Everyone on campus will be able to use this; and it can track per square foot or occupant in “real-time” data. Competitions can be created whereby various groups on campus can compare their progress with others to see who is saving more energy (eg. East vs. West campuses or between residence halls to even nationwide, such as between universities). Advantages other than the obvious “green effects” for the planet would be subsequent reduction in energy bills. Another advantage would be use of moneys saved, for future investments into energy saving. Brian also spoke about the Sustainability Fair to take place April 17th from 0830-1100 on the East Campus at Mendenhall; and from 1:30-4:00 on the West Campus and Brody. They plan to have approximately 25 tables set up from various committees, student groups and vendors. Brian encouraged UEC to set up a table as well. Contact person is Elaine Garris. Brian also invited UEC members to attend Sustainability Committee meetings. The next meeting May 9th from 1:30-3:00 at Mendenhall, room 244.

Action Taken: Jill (and committee members agreed) to invite Brian Pipkin to future UEC meetings.

Assigned additional duties to: N/A

Agenda Item:  AASHE STAR
Discussion: Bob Chin initiated a discussion about the possibility of having the UEC initiate sustainability standards for ECU, based on West Kentucky University’s AASHE STAR sustainability certification (from WKU’S 2011 Sustainability Report). AASHE STAR stands for the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education’s Sustainability, Tracking, Assessment, & Rating System. Bob would like for ECU to focus on the education and research component, not for accreditation per se, as much as to provide a better focus on existing conditions at ECU, as we (UCEC) strive to elevate sustainability standards.

Action Taken: Discussion only at this time.

Assigned additional duties to: N/A

Agenda Item: Sustainability Survey

Discussion: Hunt suggested that in light of the fact that there was such a small response from faculty on the survey, that Brian will present it to the Faculty Senate as a “work in progress,” rather than a finished piece of research. The UEC members agreed that the survey needs to be run again in September.

Action Taken: Unanimous agreement.

Assigned additional duties to: Brian Glover to submit report in upcoming Faculty Senate meeting scheduled for March 27.

Agenda Item: Sustainability Signage

Discussion: Brian Glover presented pictures of signs from Duke University that advertise sustainability.

Action Taken: All agree that it would be a great project to adopt and emulate; John suggested we need a proposal to present a motion to facility services for similar signage at ECU. Jill suggested contacting SGA for funding.

Assigned additional duties to: N/A
NEXT MEETING: April 26, 2012

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: Annual report (due May 1)