

Minutes of the Sustainability and Climate Change Task Force

September 10, 2008 - Milton Hall Room 85

Attendees: Pat Chavez (OFS), Ruby Estrada (C & I Doctoral Student), Pat Montoya (OFS), Darrell Pehr (U-Comm), Michael Rickenbaker (Facilities and Services), Jason Wyatt (ED), Bob Nosbisch (CHSS), Wiebke Boeing (FWLS), Connie Falk (AGECON), Teresa Boberg (CEL), Ben Woods, Teri Diaz (AES)

1. Call to order

Ben Woods called the meeting of the Sustainability and Climate Change Task Force (SCCTF) to order. The meeting was telecast to the NMSU academic components by video conferencing to insure participation of all members of the NMSU system and to fulfill the university's commitment to address global warming.

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes of the August 12, 2008 Meeting

The agenda was approved. The minutes/notes of the August 12, 2008 meeting were distributed with no action taken.

3. Update on Green House Gases (Ben Woods)

Mr. Woods explained that 468,306 tons of Greenhouse Gasses (GHG) were emitted, with over half is associated with commuting and most of that from students. Mr. Woods suggested a shuttle system could help climate neutralize, instead of students driving on to campus. It was asked of Mr. Woods to provide a breakdown by campuses, instead of an overall total. Mr. Woods said that was possible but would take awhile to put together. It was proposed that a transit system be looked at for picking up and dropping off students off campus (surrounding apartment complexes). Mr. Woods proposed NMSU use its experts instead of hiring an outside firm to determine the GHG effects and fixes for the NMSU campus.

4. Update on Report Status (Ben Woods)

NMSU is working with Vendors on NM Wind Project in Corona, NM.

Shell Oil has commented that Corona is a good area because of the 3,000 mega watts which is 15 times larger than Palo Verde and any other US area on a single project.

5. Update regarding education al activities (Ben Woods)

No update available at this time.

6. Proposed split of Outreach and Education Subcommittee functions (Ben Woods)

It has been proposed to split up the Outreach and Education subcommittees functions to better detail productivity. More on this issue in meetings to come.

7. Other

Pat Montoya announced the Recycling program has increased across campus and the aggie Recycle mania is currently underway. Also, OFS has increased Bike racks on campus to

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encourage students to cycle instead of driving on to campus, which should help with the GHG emissions.

SCCTF members have suggested getting the word out about the SCCTF meetings to try to have more student involvement and others across campus. It has been suggested we announce these meetings through the Hotline, Postings, ABCD distribution and any other ways thought of.

Connie Falk (AGECON) would like to have the miles traveled tracked by someone to find out the exact carbon being used for travel (airplane or auto travel). The committee will discuss this in the future to figure out how this can be done.

8. Closing Remarks:

The next meeting of the SCCTF was announced as October 8th, 2008 at 8:30am in Milton Hall Room 85. There being no further business for discussion the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Teri Diaz, Executive Secretary, Ag. Exp. Station, College of Ag. & Home Ec.