Brandon Campus Advisory Council  
Friday, December 2, 2011  
10:00 A.M. – BADM 112  
Minutes

Attendance: Lissette Gomez (HPPO), Lauretta O’Dell, Ashley Young, Jeff Fox, Nicholas Tuminello, Michelle Thompson, Randy Rockefeller, Misty Vorder Bruegge, Daniel Berkowitz, Alessandro Anzalone, Sabrina Peacock, Laurie MacNicol, Desi Saludes, Margel Lamb, José J. Galvis, Richard Zaborosky, Leonid Graveran, Joan Rogers, Carlos Soto, Maria Muniz (note-taker)

Call to Order: Joan Rogers called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Approval of Agenda: Michelle Thompson motioned to approve the agenda; motion seconded by Misty Vorder Bruegge.

Approval of Minutes: Michelle Thompson motioned to approve the November minutes; motion seconded by Misty Vorder Bruegge.

Old Business

• Update on Signage for “No Smoking”/ “Designated Smoking” areas on Campus

Dean Sabrina Peacock is meeting with Jim Connolly from District to determine the number of signs needed and the areas to be displayed. She will provide an update after this meeting. The group discussed various alternatives to encourage smokers to do so only in the designated smoking areas. Ideas such as displaying campus maps identifying designated smoking areas, publicizing these maps on the College’s website, and sending email communications to the campus community were mentioned in an effort to enforce compliance. Also discussed was the possibility of moving ash trays closer to the parking lots and making posters and sidewalk signs as a constant reminder of this initiative. Due to the many complaints about this issue Mr. Zaborosky’s recommendation for the CAC was to send an email to Victor Clime, HCC Chief of Public Safety, requesting campus security intervention along with a list of the areas that are most affected by smokers.

• Update on Cost of Recycling Bins

Richard informed that the cost of big bins with lids runs about $150 per unit. Joan asked Richard for a listing of quantities, specifications and prices of bins needed to forward this information to Ms. Stokes, who’s looking into additional funding to cover some of our recycling needs. Richard suggested waiting until January when Sodexo is expected to conclude negotiations with the College to supply bins for classrooms.
New Business

• **IAC Delegates**
  Joan emphasized the importance of having at least 3 of the 5 delegates attend all IAC meetings, in order to have quorum. If a delegate can’t attend an IAC meeting, it is his/her responsibility to find an alternate. If at some point a delegate can no longer attend the IAC meetings, please let Joan know so we can elect someone that can.

**Ad-Hoc Committee Updates** - None

**General Updates**

*Facilities Department:* Richard reported that the student Legacy Project is going well. Approval was given for the installation of a solar ray panel. Although the ray panel will not necessarily offset electrical cost on campus, it will serve as a learning experience for our students in terms of a sustainable energy resource.

There was an exchange of ideas about energy conservation projects that the Engineering students would like to undertake, but due to the limited financial resources these are not feasible at this time. Sabrina indicated that we can explore external funding for some of these projects. Richard concluded his report pointing out that we are the most efficient campus when it comes to electricity usage according to the Trane Energy Audit.

Faculty interested in inviting a speaker to talk to students about efficient energy and conservation management may contact Tampa Bay Trane. Tampa Electric (TECO) also has a community relations department that can provide presentations to any organization upon request. Desi Saludes also volunteered to speak to students about sustainable practices.

**Guest Speaker: Desi Saludes, Sustainability Council**

The Sustainability Council was assembled five years ago when Dr. Stephenson joined other colleges and universities nationwide committing to a series of goals to guide the institution towards a reduction of our “green house” emissions and exploring energy reduction alternatives. As a commuter school, student and employee traveling accounted for the majority of HCC’s gas emissions – 77%. “Zimride” was started to address this issue.

The Sustainability Council, comprised of numerous faculty, students, staff, and administrators is committed to help the College become a sustainable institution through leadership and education. They meet every two months at District. One of its projects has students travel abroad to study the impact of human activity on the environment. During the summer a group of students go to Belize to study the rainforest ecosystems and/or to Denmark to see examples of how renewable, “green” energy technologies can be a realistic alternative to fossil fuels, and a viable source to meet power demands. Another project, coordinated by Prof. Anzalone, is the Electrathon Racing Competition, where our engineering students enter into a race with their own custom-built electric
vehicle, somewhat similar in appearance to a Go-Kart, but powered by an electric motor and batteries. At Dr. Soto’s request, and backed by College funding, the engineering students are also converting old gas-powered golf carts into electric vehicles powered by batteries. Once completed, these golf carts will be used by Security to patrol the campus.

Prof. Saludes pointed out that it would be a good project for students to engage in a campus beautification project to take care of plants and picking up trash on campus. “Students for the Environment” can also work on this initiative.

In conclusion, it was recommended last year that each campus set up a Sustainability Campus Chapter. However, Prof. Saludes proposed that the Brandon CAC creates a sub-committee that would function as the Brandon Sustainability Chapter.

After his report, Prof. Desi Saludes made a motion that CAC create a Sustainability Sub-Committee, as the official Brandon chapter. Motion was seconded by Dan Berkowitz. Motion carried.

**General Announcements**

Dr. Soto announced that the College’s Board of Trustees meeting is taking place at The Regent on December 7. There will be a reception for the new board members. He added that The Regent is expanding its outreach to the community.

Dan mentioned that the Regent’s facilities consist of 6 classrooms, 2 of which are computer labs. The computer labs are available to the public. He would like for The Regent’s students to be more connected to the campus and be involved with SGA.

**IAC Meeting** – Joan mentioned that today’s IAC meeting is taking place at the SouthShore Campus at 1:00 P.M. Our next CAC meeting will be on February 3, with the IAC meeting following at 1:00 P.M. at the Ybor campus. Joan confirmed that we had quorum for today’s IAC meeting.

**Adjournment** – A motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:33 A.M.