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## ENVIRONMENTAL STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 18, 2012

**Attending:** MariBeth Baloga Jason Burton Michele Jaquis Laura Kiralla  
Meg Linton Marc Meredith Claude Nica Katie Phillips Margi Reeve  
Holly Tempo Andrew William Schaffer Peter Zaretskiy Matthew Penkala  
Armstrong

**Students:** Kara Singson Valerie Wu Sharon Mashal

### **Mike Luna reviewed the concerns and enhancements made to the Food Services and Café.**

- Thorough cleaning of café has been completed
- Announced clear signage of current prices as well as denotation of discounts given for bringing your own cup/plate/etc. will be up in November. Also announced the creation of a "Value Menu" by Simon
- Proposed bringing in Nutritionist to explore nutritional value of the food, bringing in "Go Veggie" as consultant
- Reviewed possibility of bringing in silverware and removing plastics, as well as logistics needed to complete this task

*\*The committee agreed to bring Mike Luna into the committee on an interim basis/guest.*

### **Claude Nica addressed issues surrounding the recycling program and the hydration stations.**

- Expressed the need to educate on the separation of materials going into bins, the contamination of bins, as well as treating recycling as a business.
- Noted the need to mention the recycling program at student orientation. Committee also suggested having students visit classroom to announce recycling program and sustainability
- Addressed the issue of no water source for North Building for Hydration Station(s)
- Committee addressed success of Hydration Stations and the need/desire for more of them

### **Michele Jaquis covered the PALS summit/ AASHE STARS information**

- How can Art & Design schools infuse sustainability into campus life, how to share resources, collaborate with each other and not compete.
- PALS survey detailed that at the Provost level there is a clear and broad understanding of sustainability, but this does not trickle down enough to the Chairs, then on to faculty, then to the students
- Proposed that Otis and Art Center host the next PALS summit
- Discussion about whether or not Otis should sign ACUPCC (American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment) and enroll in AASHE STARS (Sustainability Tracking and Assessment Rating System)

### **The following are committee suggestions for actions in the coming year:**

1. Develop instructional/informative signs for the recycling bins (Margi Reeve)

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2. Fabricate device to tie all recycling bins together in order to prevent them from being separated and shifting throughout the floors in which they are located. (Andrew Armstrong)