

Environmental Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 11, 2008, Ruby Jones Hall 203

1. Discussion and approval of proposal to Cabinet to have Sustainability Coordinator position, and for Sustainability to be an integral component of WCU's mission

2. Aramark (Matt Seamon) discussed participating in 'Recyclemania'
Lynne Cooke has been leading student projects in her Business and Organizational Writing class to develop public outreach about the campus recycling program. Aramark is trying to help coordinate food services and the dorm's recycling efforts.

3. Global Warming Teach-In & Pennsylvania Green Economy Forum February 5
Events throughout the day. Kathleen McGinty, former Secretary of the PA Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP) to speak, 7-9 pm in Sykes Student Union Ballroom. A reception will be held before the speaking engagement. 4CP is a cosponsor along with other local and national groups of a Pennsylvania Green Economy Forum.

4. Mitch Tomashow 'Sustainability Across WCU' February 24 and 25

5. Spring 2009 events planning

6. PEG Proposal

2 Feb deadline. Ideas discussed. Paul Morgan to take lead and develop a modified "Debra Rowe II" proposal.

7. Major Sustainability Initiative at WCU

Strong director required, reporting directly to President
During a lively discussion there is strong support from Council for a campus wide initiative and structure. A proposal will be submitted to the President's Council by Darla Coffey. Ideas collected for a plan of action by Paul Morgan. The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh has a good plan to act as a baseline model.

8. Website: www.wcugreen.org

Preliminary draft of the site is up and available for viewing and comment. The text of the front page was sent around for comment and now stands as:

West Chester University recognizes that one of the most significant challenges facing humanity is achieving a sustainable society. Accomplishing this depends on our ability to organize human activity so that society, its members and its economies are able to meet their needs and express their greatest potential in the present as well as the future. WCU intends to reduce its ecological impact and to promote research and service that foster regional and global sustainability.

The **Environmental Council** promotes and provides oversight for sustainability issues at WCU. It furthers the University's mission by:

- Providing campus-based research and teaching opportunities
- Promoting sustainability in the academic curriculum
- Advocating for environmentally-friendly facilities and procurement initiatives
- Enhancing campus aesthetics in an ecologically-sound manner
- Sharing data and engaging the community

What's New at WCU will be notified when the site goes live. Target date is in February. Content of inside pages is a permanent work in progress and all members of the Council are ask to provide content and images. In additions they are urged to pester their colleagues to provide content so that every Department of WCU is well represented. A special thanks to Paul Morgan and Gerry Hertel for providing many images.