

Environmental Issues Committee Meeting May 8, 2009, 12:00-1:00pm

Attendees:

Art Farley, Kay Coots, Jill Forcier, Christine Thompson, William Cresko, Steve Mital, Heather Gurewitz, Terrie Scharfer, Mark Reed, Jeff Scroggins, Sarah Douglas, Daniel Rottenberg, and Fred Tepfer

Agenda:

- Minutes approved for March and April meetings
- Wrap up of Carbon emissions recommendations
 - Fred, Christine and Steve met to nail down the boundary issues for Scope I and II emissions. They asked Sean Peterson, the UO space inventory analyst, to provide an excel document for all square footage we own and/or lease, reviewed the ACUPCC , and talked with other counterparts to clarify what we are responsible for. Their updated language is included in the latest draft.
 - We will be responsible for all UO owned properties – including off- campus student housing and all UO leased properties greater than 10,000 square feet (see document for language).
 - Under ACUPCC we are allowed to omit a maximum of 5% of property
- It was motioned, seconded, and passed unanimous to use the new boundaries.
- Scope IIIb: Indirect transportation – daily commute travel – *“UO will continue to provide alternative, offset emissions, pass cost off to end user”*
 - equity is a real concern, any system that passes on to end users, and should recognize equity and salary, add some simple language that recognizes salary difference, sliding scale for parking permits?
 - Equitable is ambiguous and can be figured out later, but this greatly complicates the issue
 - How do we encourage personal accountability?
 - Consensus established to remove offsetting requirement for commute emissions from UO responsibility. This places responsibility for reducing commute emissions on the individual commuter. General agreement on new language which will be voted on either through email or at next EIC meeting.
- No-Idling Policy:
 - How will this affect LTD buses?
 - If this is non-enforceable, how will it be promoted?
 - Some minor changes in the language, and then we will vote next week
- There are several items left and only one meeting. They are all important (including water bottles, paper policy, etc.), but the one with the greatest likely impact and probably the easiest is to discuss is a proposed temperature set-point policy. This could save huge amounts of energy.
 - We will have a non-EIC expert come in to talk about this so that we can find out if there are issues from the user end.

- As far as the paper policy goes, this only refers to white paper (printers, copiers, etc.) though there is interest in looking at a paper policy for paper towels, etc