Fairfield University’s Inaugural
Faculty Sustainability Committee Meeting

Wednesday November 16, 2011
1:30 – 2:50pm
DSB 1107

Members Present: James Biardi, Jen Klug, Antonio Grau Sempere, Dina Franceschi, Mike Cavanaugh (on the phone), Michael Tucker, David Downie (ex-officio), Paul Fitzgerald (ex-officio)

The minutes from the meeting of October 19 were approved as amended.

Jen Klug reported on the CSC meeting from 11/9. On new projects, the new soccer/lacrosse field was discussed, including concerns about safety in the area between the field and the townhouses.

Since the Operations subcommittee hasn’t had a meeting yet, Jen Klug suggested Antonio Grau Sempere to email James Fitzpatrick to request the subcommittee to meet. Michael Tucker also suggested an operational meeting of the Operations subcommittee be called.

Michael Tucker reported on the Finance subcommittee template. Jen Krug suggested the template be divided into two sections.

Paul Fitzgerald suggested the development of a new global plan consisting of a list of ongoing projects which integrates student and faculty interests on green initiatives. A sustainable fund would be used in curricular and co-curricular projects and would help potential donors interested in green issues. This operational funding would be used to hire a sustainability coordinator. David Downie added that this plan would implicate systemic changes at all levels and would set an example to other schools. Jen Klug suggested it should be a Finance subcommittee’s goal to initiate such sustainability fund. David Downie added that the Financial subcommittee should also develop a large range plan promoting sustainability education and operations at the university.

Dina Franceschi stated that Campus signage should reflect research sites and sustainable areas, and wondered about the process. David Downie stated this information can be included in a walking tour. It was suggested that generic movable signs be included in electronic or physical maps and brochures for prospective students.

Some transportation issues to be brought before the Operations subcommittee were discussed, including: green parking map, special parking showcasing green cars, reduced registration for green cars, and public transportation options. Michael Tucker suggested the development of a questionnaire on these issues.

Respectfully submitted.

Antonio Grau Sempere