Members in attendance: Jim Biardi, Carol Ann Davis, Michael Cavanaugh, Jen Klug (chair), Michael Tucker, Kraig Steffen, Paul Fitzgerald (ex-officio), Arturo Jaras Watts (FUSA representative)

Members absent: David Downie (ex-officio)

Approval of Minutes
Kraig Steffen moved approval; Michael Cavanaugh seconded.
Carol Ann Davis will take minutes for this meeting

Welcome to FUSA Representative
Jen Klug welcomes Arturo Jaras Watts, student member of the FSC, to the committee.

Announcements

Paul Fitzgerald reported that Fairfield’s co-generation facility brought it through Hurricane Sandy in terrific fashion; all scientific facilities had continuous power. The facility runs on natural gas with a bit of electricity (battery generated) to get it started.

Jen Klug wondered if all of campus would ever be accommodated by the co-generation facility, but it was explained that this would mean Fairfield U. would lose access to the city’s grid.

Paul Fitzgerald was asked what the storm cost the university and Paul answered “thirty trees, one car.”

Campus Sustainability Committee (CSC) Update:

Jim Biardi gave the update on the CSC meeting that took place on W 10.17.12. He reported that much of the meeting undertook discussions of the student proposal for the rotating green fund, which is designed so profits feed back into the fund. Five undergraduates received some guidance for next steps within the university—contacts across divisions, etc.

Jim mentioned that the CSC also discussed the draft of the Campus Sustainability Plan (CSP)—volunteers were taken for certain remaining sections. He said that as the draft
comes along he will send it out. Mike Cavanaugh and Mike Tucker mentioned they needed to be on the distribution list for this.

Jen suggested that the two committees (CSC and FSC) should meet to discuss the CSP; 12.12.12 from 1 – 3 p.m. was planned as a time for a joint meeting to discuss CSP.

**Review of CT Green Economy Report (sent by Michael Tucker via email):**

Michael Tucker explained that the Dolan School of Business had decided to collaborate with MillerWalk to produce the CT Green Economy Report. MillerWalk would do most of the work, and would benefit from affiliation with Fairfield. He noted that the Wharton School of Business has undertaken a similar arrangement.

Discussion ensued on a variety of topics, including the value of the magazine and its quality, the need for it to be comprehensive enough to be relevant and timelier than state information.

Paul advised that the next step for administrative approval would be for the dean of the School of Business to take it up with him in a separate meeting. It would be helpful for this committee to support the proposal, though.

Michael Tucker moved the FSC endorse the proposal for the CT Green Economy Report and recommend the university continue with the process of due diligence and approval. Michael Cavanaugh seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion of Sustainability at Fairfield development document (sent by David Downie via email):**

All agreed this was a helpful document for development personnel to have on hand.

Discussion followed clarifying the role of the document: most items in document are hypothetical, and it’s simple to pull items for development. The audience for the document it internal, and is primarily development staff.

The committee discussed those who should see it now that it’s ready to go. The list of included personnel includes the deans, advancement, Stephanie Frost, faculty handbook advancement committee, CSC members. It was also suggested it be sent as correspondence to Bob Epstein for the Academic Council, and that it could be considered for inclusion in the Annual Report.

All were grateful for the effort David Downie put into the document.

**New Business:**
The committee had suggestions tying into the student rotating green fund. Michael Cavanaugh suggested incorporating a green element into the business model contest. Michael Cavanaugh will talk with Kathy Giapponi about it. Others involved with that project are Mukesh Sud and Chris Huntley.

Artura Jaras Watts will also talk to faculty in engineering about encouraging senior design projects in engineering incorporating green elements where feasible.

The meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.