

24 September 2008

Attendance: Carr Everbach, Maurice Eldridge, Eric Wagner, Mike Roswell, Kelsey Hatzel, Joy Charlton, Nicholas Buttino (note taker)

Greenbox (constructed from recycled material)

Must be set-up on web-master

Swarthmore receives third B- on report card

Some changes in sub-categories, but overall grade has remained the same

What image of sustainability do we need to present?

Should we respond to this committee?

Methodology is questionable

Decision by President's office not to respond because information requested has not been discussed as an institution (described by Maurice Eldridge)

What are quick and easy way?

Fifth year student intern?

How should we readjust our presentation and organization?

Common problem of how to contrast our independence in tract, and our needs to participate and guided in the world

Carr to speak to faculty lunch about committee next week

Opposite of traditional role, informational rather than report

Long range planning, and existence of new committee

Focus on implementation level

Should we have representatives from the student groups meet with this committee?

What areas do we attack first?

Some of the largest changes may require lifestyle changes

Ex. from Eric Wagner (lights on field burn much more energy than unused lights in offices)

Perhaps take wastes that do not benefit someone first

Eric Wagner to lead research on trying to decide which surveys are the most valid

What is the best rating system?

Green report card? Sierra Club?

Will we then contact the survey (active participant)?

Update contact information

Rob Hopkins book The Transition Handbook (2008)

High recommended as way to have communities "blink-out"

Local people to work personally to get away from fossil fuels

Proposal to bring Hopkins here as a speaker (Cooper?)

Trial run for Lang professor Recommendation

Barbra Kingsolver as additional recommendation

Social Change Writer (Animal, Vegetable, or Mineral [2007])

When do we want to invite members of student groups to give opinions on sustainability?

Meeting next Monday (Oct. 6, 4pm)

Carr to send out emails as invitation and reminder