I. Transportation – Marc Johnson
- There is a lot of used oil from campus vehicles. The University used to pay to have it picked up.
- Santee Cooper offered to pick it up for free, but then University Environmental Services offered to pay a fee for used oil that it then sells to industrial burners.
- The question was raised about a possible collection site for used oil from faculty and student cars.
- Are there any legal issues associated with used oil collection on campus? There is the possibility that regulations exist. There is also always a chance of liability for negligence if the collection is not done with due care (i.e. proper training, etc.)
- A biodiesel B20 blend (20% veg. oil) is used in several University buses. About 11,000 gal. are consumed.
- Biodiesel is more expensive, but there is an agreement with the Energy Department to offset the extra costs
- The University has a lot of new buses, and the Trans. Dept. must check the warranties to make sure using biodiesel does not void them.
- There is a proposed project to build a photo-bioreactor system that will be able to produce biodiesel by growing algae. I did not get the name of the company involved – Marc Johnson has that information.
- Marc Johnson wants to see a full cycle of veg. oil on campus – using used oil from the dining halls to fuel the University buses.
- Biodiesel is not produced on campus – it is supplied by United Energy in Aiken. A feasibility study would need to be done to see if it could be done on campus.
- 1750 bicycles are currently registered on campus
- About 20 new bike racks were ordered last semester
- The status of the pilot program to install bike lanes is unknown – contact Ben Conrood for more info.
- The Bicycle website is almost ready to go online.
- The question was raised about putting bike racks on buses.
- Transportation has looked into this, but due to prices decided not to go ahead with it. Marc Johnson said he is interested in possibly putting one on the longest route.
- What is the demand for bike racks on buses from students? Currently, bikes are allowed on buses as long as there is room.
- What is the feasibility of installing covered bike racks (possibly with solar panels on the top)?
- What is the possibility of getting more bike racks at the Coliseum, for commuting students so they don’t have drive into the heart of campus?
- Transportation is trying to get a new bus hub at the Coliseum to provide a centralized location. All bus stops are non-smoking.
- Gene Luna suggested that Transportation should provide a link to all of their environmental programs on their website. This also brought up the fact that there is still not a centralized website for recycling on campus.
- University shuttles play CDs that offer information about events on campus. The Transportation department has said it would allow environmental news and events to be publicized via these CDs. Ads run for one week and should be turned in at least a week in advance. To get your information publicized, write out a script and send it to Marc Johnson.

II. SAGE – Kirsten Coleman
- Recycling campaign is focusing on housing
- Group wants to put posters up in dorms, has been told they might have to pay to do so. Gene Luna said they should not have to pay – either fill out a form or contact him.
- Meeting with various student organizations
- Putting together an environmental presentation that can be given to organizations on campus.
- The Southeast Student Renewable Energy Conference will be held at Clemson, Feb 16-18. SAGE will help coordinate carpooling.

III. Showing of *An Inconvenient Truth* – David Whiteman
- There will be 2 screenings of the movie in January
  - Jan. 29, in Gambrell room 250 at 7:30 PM
  - Jan 31, in West Quad Learning Center at 7:30
- After both showings, Greg Carbone will offer an analysis of the movie
- David Whiteman introduced the new administrative assistant for the Green Quad, Jason Craig.

IV. Climate Commitment
- Two letters, similar in nature, have been sent to Dr. Sorenson to see if he is interested in creating a commitment to make the University climate neutral.
- It is a multi-year program that includes steps towards becoming climate neutral.
- The question was brought up about any existing data on campus carbon emissions. Bates Rambow has a copy of a student project that was done a few years ago that has this kind of data.
- The Climate Commitment asks that within 1 year the University should set up an inventory of carbon emissions on campus.
Within 2 years, an action plan should be developed, with a target date set for carrying out the plan.

In the commitment, the University would commit to two of the following policies: 1) LEED Silver certification for all new buildings  2) An energy efficiency purchasing policy  3) provide public transportation for all faculty and students  4) purchase 15% of energy from renewable sources  5) establish a policy of offsetting GHG emissions for University sanctioned air travel

The EAC has chosen to let the Climate Commitment letter to Dr. Sorenson stand on its own, without taking an active stance on it.

V. Healthy Carolina – Gene Luna
   - HC is compiling data about students health habits/beliefs from surveys that were conducted
   - There are plans to conduct a similar study for faculty
   - A health intervention/exercise research project is in the works in conjunction with facility services.

Upcoming Meetings for Spring 2007:

Thursday, Feb. 22 at 11:30 AM
Wednesday, March 28 at 2:30 PM
Thursday, April 26 at 11:30 AM