I. Introductions of all EAC members present

II. Announcements/Updates

a. Transportation
   - Memorandums have been drafted for a co-sponsored grant between USC and DOT for express routes from Sand Hills and Irmo

b. Housing
   - Honors College on time and on budget for opening in Fall 2009; 30 credits granted in design stage for LEED Gold certification

c. Dining
   - Currently buying vegetables from 22 local farmers in the state and serving them in dining halls
   - In-season fruits and vegetables are being marketed
   - Fair-trade coffee flavor at Starbucks and soon at Business Administration school
   - Replaced the bio-boxes with a biodegradable plate and plastic lid and students aren’t using lids frequently, so the waste is still reduced; looking for biodegradable lids; freshmen are using china more frequently
   - In approximately 8 months, compost will be in place and cups, plates, and lids will be composted—this will be funded through the savings in trash removal
   - Recycling bin in Greene Market is filling up daily
   - Eco-mugs are on sale to be refilled and they are selling

d. Energy
   - Biomass to start September 19, 2008

e. Curriculum
   - New undergrad environmental science major has been approved by the Board of Trustees. The program has to go through 2 more reviews and accreditation but anticipating December approval and to be in place in January.

f. Students
   - Athletics (specifically the volleyball team)—media guide has been printed on recycled paper (only the second in NCAA or NAIA to do this); September 21 match will have a recycling station where patrons can bring in cans and receive reusable grocery bags; “Gamecocks Go Green” will host one recycling event each season for every sport
2. Student Senate—passed resolution for student environmental advisory committee with representatives from SAGE, Environmental Law student group, and the Green Builders student group; recycling campaign to inform students of waste produced, money spent on waste removal, etc. as well as plastic bag recycling, a student recycling work program and more effective Work Warrior locations; each resident hall will have an eco-rep to distribute environmental information and opportunities; campus bike fleet

III. New Business

a. New Sustainability Coordinator Michael Koman

   • catalyst for campus initiatives; comprehensive plan for sustainability in dining including composting, education, trayless dining, free trade coffee, green cleaning, local veggies, and organic day; Presidential Climate Commitment; Tying initiatives together across campus

b. AASHE

   • great place to see what other schools are doing; encouraging people to make the trip; November 9-11, Raleigh, NC

c. Earth Summit

   • Friday, October 24; will be the EAC October meeting; to inform peers about what’s going on around campus; goals for the year; student government EAC involvement is key; also, October 22 is Campus Sustainability Day as well as the Farmer’s Market day on campus