Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)

Wednesday, January 16, 2008 - 3:00 pm
Natural Resources Center, Room 1101

Minutes

Present: Laurence Fischbach  Roy Coons
       David Jensen   Fran Trevino
       Liz Smith

Others: Gordon Evans, Gary Jackson, Thuy Fleming, Mikell Smith (grad student)

Absent: Louis Katz, Renee Gonzales

1. Roy Coons called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm. Introduction were made.
   Requested a motion to approve the Minutes from the December meeting. Liz Smith
   motioned to approve and was seconded by David Jensen. Minutes unanimously approved.
   Requested a motion to approve the Commission. Motion to approve the Commission was
   made by David Jensen and seconded by Laurence Fischbach.

   Requested a motion to approve the change to the Bylaws. Laurence Fischbach motion to
   approve and seconded by Liz Smith. Bylaws unanimously approved.

   He oversees 9 universities, 7 agencies and the Health Science Center.
   Mr. Evans presented an overview of the TAMUS Environmental Management
   Planning.

   Gordon Evans stated that input and direction of the Environmental Management Plan will
   be offered to all campus sites. With the staffing and administrative support TAMUCC is
   the best supported E,H&S office in the System and is used as the example to other sites and
   stated that Roy Coons is an effective coordinator.

   As a system it is very understaffed, but with positive settings, engaged in process with
   CWA, CERCLA, Industry hit first and began to look at efficiently managing the program
   of the EMS concept with quality assurance. ISO management process, ISO14000
   Internship Standard Organization used as a guide. Management Tool to manage things,
   systematically and induce quality control and improvement cycles.

   Plan – Do – Check – Act Cycle. Handout attached to get a grasp of what we are trying to
   do to manage the program. Bigger picture of green campus concept. Broader picture of
   output side – in a position of taking a holistic view on big picture regarding filing
   procedures.
For Sustainable development 17 points need to be in the Environmental Management System to be certified. Need administrative support. As a system our mission in life is stewardship. Net effect does not limit the scope of what we can do for the campus. Liz Smith stated that her contribution is her expertise and her studies projects. Not necessarily money saving projects for TAMU. Research projects or classes involving urban problems as to how are we managing our assets and how are we educating our people? We need to set the example.

Roy Coons stated that the group is committed to getting things done.

Gary Jackson mentioned that growing and manageable perfect combination. We can influence students by teaching them about the environment.

3. Announcements/ Adjournment:

Roy Coons thanked Gordon and Gary for their presentation and asked for a motion to adjourn. motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Laurence Fischbach. Meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.

The next meeting is set for Thursday, February 14, 2008 at 3:00 pm. Place to be determined.