Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Environmental Advisory Council

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Thursday, April 12, 2012 – 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
UC Tejas Room 106A

Present: Roy Coons, Brian Elzweig, Diana Cardenas, Judy Harral, Mark McNamara, Evan Paret

Guests: Nathan Galvan, Fran Trevino

I. Call to order:
Roy Coons called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.
Introduced Mr. Mark McNamara as the new member to the Council. He is with the Core Curriculum Program. Introduction of members.

II. Approval of the February 9, 2012 Minutes
A motion was made to approve the minutes by Cardenas seconded by Paret. The minutes were unanimously approved as written.

III. Old Business:
1. Environmental Service Fee proposal submitted.
2. Faculty vacancy filled by Mark McNamara.
3. Student vacancy - Paret will filter down the vacancy announcement through Student Government.
4. TCEQ Storm Water Inspection conducted. TAMUCC is a Co-Permittee with the City of Corpus Christi. No violations were issued by the TCEQ.

IV. New Business:
1. Welcomed new member - Mr. Mark McNamara.
   E.H&S is advertising or the submittal of student green initiatives in the Island Waves newspaper.
   Elzweig suggested a news release in the Corpus Christi Caller Times, making the public aware. McNamara expressed that we really need to take the leadership role of the University. Involve Gloria Gallardo to work up this advertisement.
   Coons provided an update on the Environmental Management System ESCI 5490 Environmental Management System. Students are finalizing the environmental reports of their assigned areas: the print shop, motor pool, boat
barn, police department and central receiving. Nathan Galvan, Environmental Specialist will upload their information into the University Environmental Management System Intelex software. Some if not all of their recommendations will be used to improve environmental management in the referenced areas.

The Council reviewed and discussed the merits of each of the nineteen Green Initiatives. The Chair requested that members vote for their top three initiatives. Ballots were distributed and tallied by the Environmental Specialist using an Excel spread sheet. The Council determined by a majority vote to recommend the following initiatives for Student Green Fee funds.

The initiatives in order of selection are:
1. **Computer software that shuts down campus computers:**
2. **Recycling bins on campus for plastics and paper**
3. **Mulching Machine/and the Compost Pile combined as one initiative.**

V. **Announcements/Adjournments**
1. None
2. Motion to adjourn by Harral and seconded by Elzweig. Meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.