Sustainability Council minutes, July 19 2013

Attendance: 15

Tim P. Norton, the new Assistant Vice President for Facilities Management, is now on board and attended the meeting. Following introductions, he handed out a brochure highlighting sustainable initiatives at his last assignment. The Sustainability Council would like to have something similar, including the QR codes in the brochure.

St. Francis Day planning continues. Mass at noon on October 4 (St. Francis's feast day) followed by a lunch with table discussions. Fr. Lannon has agreed to preside at mass and sign the St. Francis Pledge. Next meeting is August 20 at 9 am at CCSJ. The group discussed what should be available as a handout.

Things that we want to show:

- Climate Action Plan
- Achievements
- What we’re in the process of doing
- Long-term goals

The group discussed the student group and what they get for participating as a GreenJays. Something to put on their resumes would be extremely helpful for them, including a letter from the Sustainability Council stating that they are leaders, etc.

This led to discussion of the badging program, which is still in the works.

Heartland Commuter Challenge (August 1-31):

- Log carpool, bus, bike and walk commutes to and from work on the website
- Trips and miles are converted into points based on an equation done on the website
- Receive prizes
  - Grand prizes for 3 individuals with the most points, and 3 with the most miles
  - Weekly raffles if participant logged a commute that week, donated by local businesses
  - Plaque for the company with the most points and miles per participant
- www.mapacog.org/commuterchallenge. The website will be up at the beginning of July for registration.

Contract with Brendle Group is now over.

Joe Zaborowski is beginning work on the 2012-2013 greenhouse gas inventory and will be asking Facilities Management for information.

Meeting adjourned at 3 pm. Next meeting: August 16 at 2 pm in the Private Dining Room in Brandeis Hall.