Attendee’s: Evelyn Tompkins, Judy Lynn, Ralph Hitz, Katie Gulliford, Kathryn Longfellow, Gavan Albright, Ruth An Mikels, Julie Burton, Lori Peterson, Monica Hall.

1. **Sustainability Summit 2009**
This year’s Sustainability Summit will be held at UPS February 20 and 21, times TBA. Sue and Julie have attended two meetings so far. Discussed at those meetings was changing the event to a Friday-Saturday event rather than Saturday-Sunday event. At last year’s Sustainability Summit, the colleges presented on Sunday and only the die-hards returned. The committee is hoping to achieve better attendance by having the colleges present on Friday and the public events presented on Saturday. The committee is hoping to make the event more memorable by exploring speakers to present on the college day.

Themes were also discussed. One possible theme in regards to the economy: Save Some Green by Being Green.

Things to think about for TCC’s SAC is what would TCC like to present. Do we know of vendors or people who would like to contribute? Kathryn said, as a possible idea, that the Solar Panels may be in place by then. Also, the solar panels may come with weather tracking instrumentation that a future curriculum could be developed around.

2. **Report on Curriculum for the Bio Region**
Katie met with the Chemistry Learning Community in October. It was discussed that each person is to invent one program where a major chemistry concept is linked to sustainability.

Katie’s project is “The Cost of Clean Water.” Water will be collected from the Sound and distilled and various tests performed.

The group will meet next in January and again in the spring.

Sue will send Gavin the link to the Washington Center Bio Region website to be included in the Sustainability Advisory Committee website.

3. **Update on Recyclemania and Kickoff Meeting**
Julie attended the Recyclemania Kickoff meeting in Spokane. There were 11 schools represented. Spokane and TCC were the only community colleges represented to enter the Benchmark or competition. Julie is waiting for the packet of materials to start the campaign that will begin the last week in January. This year, the first two weeks of the competition will not count in order to give new competitors a chance to acclimate.

Monica mentioned possibly securing student funds to purchase outdoor recycle cans for the “Adopt a Can” competition.

Julie will keep us informed as things progress.
4. **Sue Habeck’s Field Trip**
Sue took one of her classes on a field trip to L’Arch (The Arch) a group home for disabled adults located here in Tacoma. Sue had made prior arrangements with Patrick Toohey, care giver at the group home, to help with the garden. Patrick encourages stainable living for his residents. Sue’s class raked leaves, dug whatever needed to be dug and generally help with anything that needed to be done. The students had fun and the field trip was very successful.

Sue would like our committee to promote staff outings into the community to help out at places such as the L’Arch. Maybe put it on the Professional Development days’ activities list in April.

5. **Report on AASHE Conference**
Julie attended the AASHE conference in Raleigh, North Carolina. There were over 30 different sessions to choose from which made it hard for Julie as she wanted to attend them all. There were lots of schools in attendance and a luncheon for community colleges on the first day. Julie would like to start a listserv for sustainability for community colleges.

Julie’s total cost for plane fare and hotel for her stay in Raleigh was under $400.

There is a lot of material to check out on the AASHE website. [http://www.aashe.org/](http://www.aashe.org/)
To access all the information, you will need to set up an account.

6. **Proposal for “Sustainable Happiness” Brown Bag Workshop**
Julie would like to start a “Stainable Happiness” brown bag workshop. This would be a feel good workshop complete with chocolate chip cookies and hot chocolate.

Julie shared some articles from Yes magazine 2009. The articles suggests that we have tried to buy happiness without much success that now with the economy imploding and the uncertainty that comes with it, how can we be happy?

The workshop would work on how we can be happy and things we can do to make ourselves happy.

She also shared ten things from Yes Winter 2009, scientifically proven, what you can do to be happy.
- Savor everyday moments
- Avoid comparisons
- Put money low on the list
- Have meaningful goals
- Take initiative at work
- Make friends and treasure family
- Smile even when you don’t feel like it
- Say thank you like you mean it
- Get out and exercise
- Give it away, give it away now

Here is the link to “Yes” Winter 2009 Sustainable Happiness: [http://www.yesmagazine.org/default.asp?ID=256](http://www.yesmagazine.org/default.asp?ID=256)
7. Sustainable Reading Book Club
Sue would like to start a Sustainable reading book club. Ralph volunteered to send out an email invite with a link to our website advertising this new event. Sue would like to start with the book Omnivore's Dilemma. Julie will check with the bookstore to see if they could provide a few of these books for purchase.

8. Budget Cuts – Impact on sustainability initiatives
The recycle yard that Julie has been working towards here at TCC will need to be put on hold at this time because of the impending budget cuts.

Next meeting meeting date: January 9, 2009, 1:30, Bldg. 1