Attendees: Sue Habeck, Ralph Hitz, Ruth Ann Mikels, Judy Lynn, Monica Hall, Kathryn Longfellow, Chris Stearn, Caree Morford, Julie Burton, Lori Peterson

1. **Sustainability Summit 2009**
   This year’s Sustainability Summit will be held at UPS February 20 and 21, from 2 to 5 p.m. The 20th will be focused on campus sustainability topics, and the 21st will be an open, public event. TCC will have a table at the event for both days. The information tables help campuses share ideas. We will try to have information on the ELC’s LEED status. If possible, we should have the LEED checklist for the building on hand. We also plan to showcase Recyclemania and Kia Kaha at the table. Caree will help Julie put together the table. During the summit, UPS will be conducting tours of their LEED gold residence hall, their dining facility, and their composting system.

2. **Omnivore’s Dilemma Book Discussion**
   Sue is considering putting together some small flyers for mailboxes that highlight SAC activities, including the book discussion. Kathryn recommends *Ethics of Food* as the next book selection. The Omnivore’s Dilemma book discussion will be February 21st at 1 p.m. Ruth Ann is attending a University lecture series on the theme of food ethics. One of the first lectures in the series is about pragmatic approaches to the ideas discussed in Michael Pollan’s book. The committee discussed the possibility of having a speaker visit the campus. Monica offered to work with ASTCC on bringing in a speaker. Ruth Ann said that Lee Stetson will be in town during the first week of spring. He performs as John Muir. The committee also discussed the possibility of trying to secure a food-ethics-related speaker toward the end of the quarter. When we returned to the topic of the book discussion, we were faced with the question of where it would be. The committee decided that the location should be able to comfortably seat 25 attendees. Ralph said that he had received a positive response to his announcement.

3. **Native Plant Salvage Group and Kia Kaha**
   The Pierce County Native Plant Salvage Group is conducting stewardship training, and they had requested to use Kia Kaha as a site for their trainees, who will prepare a site recommendation. By providing this site for the training, it helps establish TCC’s ties with the Green Tacoma Partnership. Sue is planning to reserve vans for some site visits in the local area with the group. She realized that we are faced with a challenge in determining where to charge expenses, such as the rental of the TCC vans. Which budget should be used? The stewards-in-training plan to work through the winter at the site and then prepare their recommendations, which may lead to some campus work party opportunities.

4. **Upcoming events, SAC and in the Community**
   Green Tacoma Partnership has a couple of restoration activities planned for the weekend of Martin Luther King Day. On the Saturday and Monday, they are seeking volunteers to assist with restoration work on Ruston Way. The Green Tacoma Partnership updates their events calendar regularly. Maybe we could include a link to their calendar on the TCC Sustainability page. The committee agreed that it may be a good idea to put together a “Sustainability Bulletin” each quarter, which lists the SAC- and community-related event, something like the flyers that Sue had mentioned in the book discussion segment of the meeting.
5. **The Environmental Art Show**
The Gallery at TCC is showing a collection of Environmental Art. Members of our own SAC were jurors for the exhibit. It is showing through February 27th.

6. **Recyclemania**
This year’s Recyclemania event kicks off the week of January 19th. The first two weeks do not count toward the competition – they are considered a practice and education period. Caree has placed signs on all of the receptacles indicating what can be recycled. Sue suggested covering the “paper only” signs on the large blue receptacles. Julie plans to attend an ASCTCC meeting to announce Recyclemania. The national competition has been going for about 10 years. This is TCC’s second year as a participant. Our goal numbers are determined by a national system called PEDS (post-secondary educational statistics), which uses the prior year’s enrollment data. Being as enrollment this year is significantly higher than last, it will be a bit of a challenge to meet this year’s waste minimization goals. We were third in the nation for waste minimization last year. It would be good to have photographs/visual references of what could go in the bins. Maybe we could place the images on the sustainability webpage, and have a link to the “gallery” in a recyclemania announcement e-mail.

7. **Sustainability Film Series**
Trula Thompson, a biology faculty member, had heard about the book discussion and suggested the idea of a film series. We could possibly collaborate with PBS. We could research as a possibility for next year. The committee plans to gauge interest in a series and to check with the administration for support. We would need to look into the financial and legal aspects, which Trula has offered to research for the committee. The mention of finances started a side discussion on funding challenges for the committee. Monica said that she would ask ASTCC about how students would feel about a small “sustainability fee” per quarter. The SAC reports to the JAC (Joint Administrative Council). During the next report, the film series idea will be presented.

8. **WSRA - Washington State Recycling Association**
TCC is a member of the WSRA. The committee would like to nominate a student to attend their convention in May in Yakima. Students can be eligible for a scholarship to cover the travel costs/registration. If the student nominee does not receive a scholarship, perhaps the attendees can share expenses.

9. **Bin Grant**
TCC has applied for the Bin Grant for two years in a row. Julie received a response from the funding source stating that they received 1,400 applications this year and were only able to fund 85 of them. TCC’s primary need is outdoor bins. Maybe the SAC could collaborate with a group of artists on the campus who could help construct attractive outdoor receptacles for recycling bins. There was also discussion about the bins in the cafeteria. They keep getting moved to an inconvenient location. The committee is trying to find a way to keep the bins located at the front of the room.

Next meeting meeting date: February 6, 2009, 1:30, Bldg. 29
Submitted by Lori Peterson