

June 25, 2003

To: Dr. Don Boyer, Provost

From: Gary Burbridge, Greening Team Leader

Attached please find the Greening Team Update for the academic year 2002-2003. The Update contains highlights of the Team's activities during the past academic year as well as a list of team goals for the academic year 2003-2004.

GRCC Team Update– June 2003

Team Name: Greening Team

Team Sponsor: Gary Burbridge

Team Charter on file: Yes

Major team accomplishments for 2002-2003

- a. Supported College sponsorship of the following conferences/workshops:
 - The Environment and Spirituality
 - Green By Design
 - Economicology 2003
- b. Developed and taught an Environmental Studies course at GRCC (Fred Deneke, Steve Abid, Bill Faber, Bill Stough and Gary Burbridge)
- c. Supported efforts by the Service Learning office to develop Rain Gardens at elementary schools and at GRCC (Martha Cox)
- d. Supported GRCC efforts to develop recycling and energy conservation policies and procedures (Tom Smith)
- e. Encouraged the Facilities Office to consider a “green roof” project on the Applied Technology Center (Team)
- f. Assisted the Student Services area in its efforts to revitalize a student environmental club (Team)
- g. Joined a statewide consortium of colleges and universities promoting the practice of sustainability (Gary Burbridge, Tom Smith, Martha Cox)
- h. Supported efforts by the Facilities office to use environmentally friendly materials in the Wealthy Street Corner project (Team)
- i. Developed an Action Plan for the academic year 2003-2004 (Team)

- j. Continued membership in the National Wildlife Federation Campus Ecology organization (College membership)
- k. Supported the GRCC Library's efforts to identify our holdings on the environment and sustainability (Bill Faber)
- l. Established a GRCC Greening web page linked to the College's web site (Bill Faber)
- m. Developed DVD presentation of Greening team activities for this year for presentation at Economicology 2003 workshop (Klaas Kwant)

Tasks that the team was unable to complete this year

- a. Student environmental club not in place yet
- b. Green roof project still being studied
- c. Recycling project not complete yet

Major team goals for 2003-2004

Goal 1: Develop an Environmental Framework for the College

- a. Develop an environmental policy statement for the College
- b. Document the College's Green goals
- c. Study Green Roof possibilities
- d. Conduct baseline assessment of College's energy useage
- e. Ecological footprint analysis
- f. Moved from Goal 4 to Goal 1 to work on implementing a green purchasing policy

Team: Tom Smith (Ldr.)
Bill Faber
Bruce Morrison
Mansfield Matthewson

Goal 2: Integrate Concepts of sustainable development into the curricula of the college

- a. Continue work on SS 120 - Environmental Studies Course

- b. Develop articulation agreements, 2+2, 3+1 possibilities with area colleges such as Aquinas, GVSU, Ferris, University of Michigan
- c. Integrate sustainability principles into General Learner Outcomes

Team: Gary Burbridge (Ldr.)
 Fred Deneke
 Bill Stough

Goal 3: Create Opportunities to increase the ecological literacy of faculty, students and staff

- a. Publish annual campus Greening Report (Gary B. and)
- b. Individual ecological footprint analysis
- c. Reestablish SECO/Science Club
- d. Work on GRCC Greening web site/Calendar of events
- e. Establish a group of interested faculty/staff for information and support

Team: Tina Hoxie (Ldr.)
 Martha Cox
 Bill Faber
 Klaas Kwant
 Gary Burbridge

Goal 5: Exercise community leadership in supporting sustainable development

- a. Develop working relationships with local groups/businesses involved in sustainability
- b. Participate in new Michigan Sustainability College organization (Gary Burbridge on steering committee)
- c. Community awareness events.activities

Team: Gary Burbridge (Ldr.)
 Bill Stough
 _____(?) need another volunteer!

Team change for 2003-04

As soon as the student environmental group is activated we will ask for student representation on our team

Ways that the College Leadership Council could provide stronger support to this team.

- **Recognition for the work done – this should be an ongoing CLC function with all teams**
- **Help publicize the work of the team both internally and externally**
- **Add work of this team and other teams to the College Learning Day activities**

