T. Knowles moved acceptance of minutes of Feb 19, second by C. Robie, passed unanimously.

C. Robie distributed data on the energy and water consumption of the college. He stated that the Governor’s 20% GHG reduction goal uses 2002 as the base year. The next year’s data (’08) would be available at the end of June. It was discussed that the 20% reduction does not take into account the growth of the college as new buildings are added, or the increased use of existing buildings with extended hours and year round programming (and thus increased heating/cooling/lighting requirements).

Facilities has some ideas for the more immediate actions that can lead to energy conservation/efficiency. These include: occupancy sensors, lightbulb switches, reduce lighting in some areas and add meters to some buildings to improve tracking. Next large improvements would be window replacement in buildings such as Parenzo and Bates.

The GHG assessment by Shaws Associates would most likely begin in May and be completed by the fall.

In other realms, the college has been a leader in green lawn care, being the first state college to adopt Integrated Pest Management (IPM).

The idea of “greening” bidding practices was discussed. A, O’Leary asked if the college is bound to the lowest bid versus a policy of the lowest climate neutral or environmentally friendly bid. C. Robie noted that the college had gone over to “green paint” (not the color but the sentiment), paint that is biodegradable when thrown out. This is a more costly option. He also noted that the Ely renovations were not extensive enough to score LEEDS points.

Hand-outs were distributed by Andrea on Cap and Trade Policies. There was a discussion of this topic. Also broached was the idea of a fall class or integration into the first year experience, or at a minimum Residential Life’s freshmen orientation program.

For next meeting M. Bull agreed to research and propose an outline for a Sustainability Plan for comment and review.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00am.

Respectfully Submitted,

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