

Memo: October 25, 2007

To: New York Campus Environmental Resource (NYCER) Members

From: Howard Apsan

Re: NYCER Meeting Minutes
Barnard College, September 25, 2007

Opening

The September NYCER meeting was held at Barnard College on September 25, 2007. The meeting began with a welcome by Dan Davis, Associate Director of Facilities at Barnard College, followed by a welcome from Julio Vazquez, Director of Facilities. Sheryce Woolery of CUNY Central recorded the minutes, and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved by acclamation.

Audits

EPA audits are still being conducted at a number of NYCER institutions. Upcoming audits are scheduled for CUNY's New York City College of Technology and the Graduate School of Journalism at the end of October. EPA Region II has suggested that it plans to conduct follow-up audits as part of the college and university initiative, and has in fact begun inquiries at SUNY, which has recently completed its audit program.

Presentation

The meeting continued with a presentation by **Laurie Kerr, Senior Policy Advisor in The Mayor's Office of Long Term Planning and Sustainability**, on "**The Mayor's 30 in 10 Sustainability Challenge for Colleges and Universities.**" Ms. Kerr discussed New York City's Carbon footprint and the "30 in 10 Sustainability Challenge" to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by thirty percent in ten years. A number of NYCER campuses, that have already committed or are in the process of committing to the challenge, participated actively in the ensuing discussion. We thank Laurie for an informative presentation and a stimulating exchange. Attached is a copy of Laurie's presentation.

Updates in Brief

The ICLEI Workshop 2007: Northeast Innovators, Climate Action, will take place on November 29, 2007 at the Hartford Crowne Plaza. Please visit www.iclei.org/usa for more information.

The SESH A spring 2008 Conference is being organized by SUNY Stony Brook and will be held on April 10-11 in Port Jefferson, NY.

Upcoming Meetings

The November meeting of NYCER will be held on Tuesday, November 27 at The New School, 66 West 12th Street (Between 5th and 6th Avenues) in Manhattan. The meeting will be held in room 510, from 12 pm to 2 pm, and will include a training presentation by **Dr. Karen Lee, Deputy Director, Bureau of Chronic Disease, Prevention and Control, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene**, on **“Staying Healthy while Going Green.”**

All those able to host 2008 NYCER meetings should contact Sheryce Woolery at (212) 794-5630 or at sheryce.woolery@mail.cuny.edu.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.