Sustainability: Making Green Choices Second Nature

Faculty Professional Development Day
February 13, 2009
Afternoon Breakout Sessions
“A Voice for Earth: Writers Respond to the Earth Charter”
Room 215

A Voice for Earth: Writers Respond to the Earth Charter is a thoughtful and inspiring new book which includes some of America’s leaders in the fields of sustainability, ethics, and environmental literature, via an exploration of the international Earth Charter. The Earth Charter is a blueprint for creating a sustainable and peaceful future; it is also a global movement led by some of the world’s most respected and inspiring figures, such as Mikhail Gorbachev and Wangari Maathai. This session will be an opportunity for a discussion with the author Dr. Corcoran.
“The Greening of the University of Central Florida”

Room 142

This interactive session will include a description of how UCF started, through student engagement opportunities, incorporating sustainability into curricular, co- and extra-curricular activities and ways in which these could be modified for MCC. In the first year of this initiative 16,500 (38%) students were engaged in sustainability events at UCF. SustainabilityUCF includes not only the academic side of the university, but physical plant, housing and other units on campus, as change agents.
Earth Ethics Institute (EEI) at Miami Dade College (MDC) employs many different activities, workshops, conferences and lectures to reach the MDC population about Earth Literacy and environmental sustainability. The Institute has a key group of faculty and staff from several campuses, the EEI Council, that guides the Institute and helps organize and oversee all Institute activities on several campuses. This session will share examples of how the EEI Council operates, activities that are easily replicable, as well as easily obtained resources that can be used in the classroom or for activities.
"Service-Learning & Sustainability at UCF: current projects and initiatives"

Room 144

At this session Amy Zeh (Program Director, Service-Learning) will share current SL projects that align with sustainability initiatives at UCF and how we might be able to incorporate similar projects at MCC. The session will include best practices of UCF's overall SL programming as well as information on the Student and Faculty Sustainability Alliance initiatives.
“Sustainability at MCC – The Sustainability Committee”

Room 213

Come to this Breakout session to learn more about MCC’s recently created Sustainability Committee. Committee membership includes representatives from faculty, administration, staff and students – across all divisions. This session will highlight the committee’s mission and the current status toward the development of goals and recommendations. We will also discuss how the entire College community can have an impact on the endeavor.
Join Jane Duke and Gary Russell, two members of the college’s Faculty Professional Development Team, as they share a wide range of online resources devoted to Sustainability and Higher Education. There are many organizations, including the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, that have information related to how other faculty have incorporated sustainability into various curriculum areas. The session will allow participants time to share ideas that might work well at MCC and to provide feedback to the Faculty Professional Development Team for future activities devoted to the topic.
Don’t Miss

@ 2:00 pm

“Portal Progress—the New MyMCC”
presented by:
Core Project Team Members:
Debra Gingerich, Gail McDaniel and Cortney Wanca

Core Project Team members will be giving you a sneak peek of the new MyMCC portal. Development continues, but much progress has been made to date and we will give you a glance at what you can expect and show how the portal will affect your day to day communication and routine.