

**RECOMMENDATIONS ONLY**  
**SUSTAINABILITY AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**JULY 2007**

Many recommendations have been suggested by members of the committee. Numerous ones were mentioned by more than one member. These have been consolidated as a top ten list. These should receive immediate attention by an ongoing sustainability task force (See recommendation #1). Additional recommendations are listed that require additional review and could also be selected for implementation.

1. A new Task Force should be created that is comprised of students/staff/faculty that will continue to review prospective sustainability measures and to ensure implementation of recommendations. This permanent committee would research new ideas for sustainability, and ensure present courses of action remain in place.
2. It is essential that UNCW observes what other campuses within state and across the nation are doing with regards to **recycling** disposal, spending, programs, etc... It is highly recommended that we contact the *University of North Carolina Greensboro* and ask them what suggestions they have for UNCW and they way the school should approach improving its recycling program. Jennifer Braswell is the Environmental Educator for UNCG Recycling.
3. Publicize goals and results to increase awareness of UNCW's commitment to purchase recycled products.
4. In 2007-2008, expand promotion of alternative transportation to faculty and staff. Begin a carpooling program with emergency ride home and incentives for employees to carpool.
5. Continue the advocacy for and the development of bike paths to supply the necessary infrastructure to support alternative transportation on campus. Support all sidewalk and multi use paths that enhance the campus as a pedestrian campus.
6. Continue to promote the shuttle with better maps, signage, and more convenient and comfortable shuttle stops.
7. Implement bus tracking system via the web by Fall 2007.
8. Expand iPrint program to all general use labs to reduce wasteful printing and print more economically.
9. Expand, refine and promote current campus recycle programs including printer toner/cartridges, batteries, plastic bags, and Styrofoam.
10. Establish a position that is responsible and accountable for sustainability programs.

**Additional Committee Recommendations**

- Do another program with the Residence Halls "Energy Week"
- Work with RHA, ACE, SGA
- *Inconvenient Truth* showing, competition amongst the residence halls, booths educating students on climate change/energy use/recycling
- Recycling amongst the different residence halls
- Draft a resolution in which the university will construct new environmentally friendly buildings
- Make changes to older buildings (Bear, Morton, DeLoach, S&B) when they are renovated in 2011 in order to be more environmentally friendly
- Goodwill/Salvation Army drop off canisters should be strategically placed around campus where students/faculty/staff can place materials that are deemed reusable for the general public. E.g. old electronics, clothing, canned food, etc...
- Within the new Recycling Department there should be a position created that specifically deals with policing the trash and recycling dumpsters to reduce the amount of recycling material incorrectly placed in the trash bins and to ensure that the recycling bins are not being tampered with.

- A system of checks and balances should be created within the new Recycling department to keep track of material amounts, locations, and other potential inconsistencies caused by human error/ignorance to the new recycling program.
- The new Recycling Department should work closely and align itself with the “Green Club” (Sustainability Club) at UNCW because students have the best perspective of what specific issues need to be addressed on a campus wide level.
- UNCW should inquire as to what kind of contract readjustments should be made in the future to handle the proposed boosting of the University’s Recycling program.
- Pursue marketing of Bio-Pak so students know to recycle their containers.
- Start tracking the amount of food purchased locally.
- Begin a discussion with Green Club about composting; the benefits and requirements.
- Pilot network copiers/printers to allow departments to reduce wasteful printing and print more economically.
- Make it more user-friendly to order high volume copying online, so they are produced more economically and the savings passed onto the customer (software has already been purchased).
- Conduct a cost analysis to offer a reduction in cost to the customer if they use double-sided printing (in computer labs and at convenience copiers).
- Work with Purchasing and explore consortia or other means to reduce the cost of purchasing recycled content paper (currently more than 25% greater in cost than non-recycled content paper, even with state contracts). Use Rutgers purchasing department for leads on how to do this.
- Work with printing to reduce purchase of non-recycled content paper, by reducing price of recycled content paper.
- Begin a composting program.
- Place sustainability tips on @uncw on a regular basis.
- Develop uses for solar energy.
- Recycle and donate discarded items during “move-out”. Implement a volunteer effort for “move-out” similar to the one for “move-in”.
- Show and encourage attendance to “An Inconvenient Truth” and other appropriate documentaries. The showings could be during the work day to encourage attendance.