



# Sustainability @ Bellevue College

## Transportation

The Transportation Management Task Force has been meeting weekly with the goal of a **creating a transportation plan** that is self-financing, actively supports commuting options, reduces congestion and emissions while improving the availability of parking, and incorporates ownership by students and employees. See the weekly the presentations on MyBC, search "[transportation](#)"

Good news! You can now **practice loading and unloading your bike onto a bus** bike-rack on the Bellevue College campus. A demonstration rack is available in the bus shelter atrium in front of the parking garage at the main campus,

## Energy

Bellevue College has a new database to track energy consumption and expenditures as part of a resource conservation grant from Puget Sound Energy. Monthly figures will be posted from the in this newsletter. October: **Energy Bill** \$112,865; Electricity 1,049,667 kWh / Natural Gas 13,668 Therms.

## Waste

From November 6th to November 13<sup>th</sup> the default setting for printers in the N250 computer lab was changed to duplex (double-sided) printing. After a successful pilot it will be the default printing option.

## Paperless Evaluations

*by Marika Reinke, Faculty, IBIT*

Consider this: It is estimated that it takes 350 hours for one office staff person in one division to manage the current paper-based student evaluation system. More than one quarter's worth of work! This includes typing comments, creating packets, managing the packets and distributing them.

And where does all that paper go when all is said and done? Whether lost or filed, the advantages of going paperless include quicker access to student feedback, easier data aggregation and significant cost savings.

This Fall, in its ongoing commitment to link sustainability to operational efficiency and fiscal responsibility, the EAC is sponsoring an ongoing pilot this academic year to help the college transition to paperless student evaluations. The savings are significant for employees, the budget crisis and the environment.

Pilot participants include:

IBIT program chairs and adjunct faculty, Frank Hatstat, (Business Management), Sylvia Unwin (IT), Margaret Turcott (Paraprofessional Accounting), Marika Reinke, (Business Technology), Eric Davis (Social Science), Mike Meyer & Michael Hanson (Bite Me! Consumption in America: English & Science), Kent Short & Jim Ellinger (Science)

***If you would like to join this pilot for the Winter Quarter, contact Marika Reinke at [mreinke@bellevuecollege.edu](mailto:mreinke@bellevuecollege.edu).***

## Bookstore Offers Paperless Textbooks

*by Terri Ramsey, Bellevue College Sustainability Intern*

The Bellevue College Bookstore sees value in adopting sustainable practices by promoting waste conservation. The

through winter quarter.

**Paper reduction contest** coming to Bellevue College.  
Pledge to reduce your paper use, be a campus leader in using less paper in the classroom, share innovative ideas and best practices, and win prizes!

### **\$ SESF \$**

It has been proven over, and over again that change begins with grassroots movements and that the power of an individual's voice is critical in social and environmental change. The SESF fund is available to assist students and employees in promoting sustainability and environmental issues and awareness on campus. For more information to apply for funding visit the [SESF webpage](#).

students will be one of the many services the Bookstore will offer in hopes of pursuing their goal of affordability and sustainability. The program is projected to be available for students later this year. The program will charge \$35 per quarter to rent either a Dell Inspiron Mini or Lenovo Ideapad Netbook. Students can then download textbooks for their classes in pdf format from the Bellevue College Bookstore online directory. This innovative program is based on the same uncomplicated system of borrowing a book from the campus library.

The Bookstore is giving onsite hands-on training and study modules will be available online on the Bellevue College website.

Did you know our Bookstore has already implemented these sustainable practices?

- Discontinued use of providing plastic bags
- In the last 2 years, the Bookstore has increased its post-consumer recycled paper content from 20% to 75%
- The Bookstore is working toward supplying 100% post consumer recycled paper (notebooks, etc.) to customers

If you would like to learn more about sustainability at the Bellevue College Bookstore or additional information of the Paperless Textbook Program, please contact Kristin Connely, director of Bellevue College Bookstore.

#### Environmental Advisory Committee

Site: <http://scidiv.bellevuecollege.edu/eac/>

Blog: <http://bcsustainability.wordpress.com/>

#### Sustainability @ Bellevue College Resource Center

<https://go.mybcc.net/adminservices/sustainability/default.aspx>

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