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The MIT Working Group on Support Staff Issues **Recycling Committee Annual Report 2005-2006**

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Event Highlights:

1) Received MIT Excellence Award 2006 - Creating Connections: Serving Our Communities
2) Inaugurated first ever campus-wide Environmental Writing Contest and first ever such competition to include support and administrativestaff as well as students and faculty (co-sponsored by ABD, among others). Judges recruited from faculty, students, and staff. Resources included the MIT Writing Center and the Ask Us program of the MIT libraries
3) Coordinated 2nd Annual Earth Day@MIT event at the Stata Center (30+ environmental groups, staff, students, and Cambridgecommunity, MIT affiliates) including the WGSSI Commuting Task Group and ABD. Lecture series included speakers from the New England Aquarium, the Charles River Conservancy, and the Ocean Alliance -co-sponsored by Bon Appetit (MIT dining affiliate)
4) Coordinated 2nd Annual Clean Out Your Files event with Dept. of Facilities (increased paper recycling by 75%)
5) Offered first ever Eco-gift Wrapping booth at the fall ABD Craft Fair
6) Revamped The Bale: bi-monthly e-newsletter for the MIT campus (now a featured link in the monthly newsletter distributed to the Harvard eco-community by the director of the Harvard Recycling Program) – 5 editions published in 2005
7) Offered educational outreach presentations to departments on recycling and other related campus resources in conjunction with the Department of Facilities and Recycling Ambassadors – 8 presentations in 2005
8) Presented a brief overview of 3R resources on campus at the November AO/FO meeting and sent follow-up mailing on resources to all AO's and FO's on campus
9) (at their request) Met with

Rob Gogan (director of recycling programs at Harvard) and his colleagues to discuss sustainability issues and exchange ideas on outreach strategies¹⁰) (at her request) Gave Judith Stein MIT paper recycling bookmarks and updated handout on the WGR Committee for distribution to attendees of the Ivy+ Conference (professional development trainers)

Ongoing Activities and Events:

**1) Sponsored America Recycles event (Nov. 15, 2005)²
Distributed MIT paper recycling bookmarks through the new employee orientation program**

Current Projects:

1) Re-architecting the WGR website to be known as 'WorkingGreen@MIT'² 2) Working with Tim McGovern of IS&T and Dept. of Facilities to offer seminar on 'computers, recycling, and security issues'³ 3) Co-sponsoring a seminar on energy conservation with the Sierra Club 4) Coordinating 3rd Annual Clean Out Your Files event with Dept. of Facilities 5) (committee member Tim Beaulieu) Working with Tech Bikes, campus police, office of parking and transportation, SAVE to include bikes in annual Stuff Fest event and to establish a bike repair shop on campus

