

Environmental Stewardship Council
Meeting Notes
September 10, 2012

In attendance were: Maura Tyrrell (chair), Melissa Amaral, Lauren Amundson, Craig Binney, Bruce Boyer, Nicole Casper, Kim Cordeiro, Bob MacEachern, Bridget Meigs, Alex Mello, Paul Ricci, Cheryl Schnitzer, Kelly Treseler and Nick Wilder.

The meeting started at 12:30PM in the Merkert-Tracy Conference Room 250.

1. Introductions: Each member introduced themselves.
2. The group would like to see the student groups which are involved in sustainability get together early in the fall semester to review their objectives for the year.
 - A PowerPoint presentation was presented on February 20, 2012 of nine sustainability student groups and their objectives.
 - Set a target date in either October or November to have the PowerPoint presentations.
 - Bridget Meigs and Melissa Amaral will look into creating this event.
3. Green Fund:
 - Information will need to be circulated through the committee about the Green Fund.
 - The application should be easy to find and fill out.
 - A suggestion was to have it in the Monday Morning Update, the new Faculty publication, a message sent to the community, and the Farm blog.
 - Some guidelines for the Green Fund were discussed in the May meeting. Kim Cordeiro will send out the meeting minutes and the Green Fund Proposal form so everyone can review them.
 - This fund is for the whole community.
 - The group thought it would be good to set limits on the projects, maybe under \$1,000.
4. Document everything we do:
 - This will help us with the STARS report and our annual sustainability report.
 - This shows what we are doing for the environment around campus.
5. Recyclemania:
 - Bob MacEachern looked at the contest last year.
 - The contest runs from February 3, 2013 to March 30, 2013. There is also a pre-season from January 20, 2012-February 2, 2013.
 - Waste Management said they would help us with the contest as well as gave Bob a booklet about the contest.
 - There are about 600 colleges that sign up for the contest and the contest records your recycling and trash collected each week.
 - There is a webinar on the contest on December 21, 2012.
 - The contest consists of a competitive division which is graded and a benchmark division which is not graded.
 - Cheryl Schnitzer noted we should always promote reduce-reuse before recycle.
6. "Stop the Drop" Contest:
 - Kelly Treseler ran the contest last year and it was a big success.
 - This year we would like to have the contest in October. Kelly said she would run it again. She is not sure if she will have enough time to have it in October. She will report back to the Committee.

7. Energy Usages:
 - We are currently tracking the usages of electricity, natural gas, and water. The total energy cost has dropped from FY2011. Energy usage has also been recorded for FY2005 to have a base year to track the progress.
8. Quick Items:
 - Stonehill Blogs-Sustainability (Eco-Reps) - The blog will continue with Bethany Frazier and Sean Mulholland.
 - MacPhaidin Library- HVAC- Prism Energy Services installed an energy management system and repaired defective equipment.
 - Bottle Fillers- There were quite a few bottle fillers added to the Campus. Greg Wolfe has a list.
 - SGA-\$50,000- This was supposed to go to sustainability issues- Kelly was going to find out from Jim Hermelbracht about the status of the money.
 - AASHE & STARS- Sustainability tracking and assessment and rating system.
 - St. Francis Pledge- Maura is going to meet with the new Vice President of Mission, Fr. Lies.
 - Web Presence- Kim needs to update the members of the council. The annual report, meeting minutes and the signed St. Francis Pledge are currently posted on the web under Stonehill Goes Green.
 - Bike Racks- 30 bike slots have been added to the campus
 - 10 bike slots- Martin Institute
 - 10 bike slots- Shields Science Center
 - 10 bike slots- Roche Dining Commons (rear)30 additional bike slots have been picked out around campus.
 - Bike Sharing- A budget was submitted for the fall semester, it was not approved. Jim Hermelbracht needs to approve the program. The bike sharing program would be free to use. There would be a sign out sheet and an agreement. The budget included locks for the bikes and spray paint to paint the bikes.
 - CarbonNation Movie- This movie was about sustainability, it is about 1 hour and 42 minutes long. It might be a good idea to show the film on campus.
 - Sustainability Fair- The fair would take place in October instead of April. October 15th was targeted. The fair would be out on the Quad and have a harvest theme. Greg and Melissa have a meeting this week and we should have more information and a final date for the fair.
9. Future Agenda Items:
 - Approve meeting minutes for May
 - SGA-\$50,000- Follow-Up
 - Bike Share Program-Follow-up
 - Sustainability Fair feedback
 - Paper Usage on Campus- reduction of paper
 - Closing the school between Christmas and New Year's
 - Turtle Crossing Signs
 - Solar Energy

The meeting ended at 1:30PM.