

Environmental Stewardship Council
Meeting Notes
October 22, 2012

In attendance were: Maura Tyrrell (chair), Melissa Amaral, Craig Binney, Bruce Boyer, Nicole Casper, Kim Cordeiro, Jessa Gagne, Bob MacEachern, Alex Mello, Paul Ricci, Lisa Richards, Kelly Treseler and Nick Wilder.

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

1. Meeting Minutes were approved for May and September.
2. The Green Fund:
 - An event took place on October 10th to introduce the students to the Green Fund and how they could apply for Green Fund monies. A reminder will be sent out to the community that the form needs to be in by November 1st. Nicole Casper will have Liz Greco send the email out to the community. Kim Cordeiro will pay invoices associated with the Green Fund Projects once they are approved.
 - The sub-committee to oversee the Green Fund Applications are as follows:
 - Maura Tyrrell
 - Jessa Gagne
 - Melissa Amaral
3. Sustainability Plan:
 - The development of the plan was initiated in the fall 2011 by Jeanne Finlayson and Katie Conboy at the request of Fr. Mark.
 - Tom Balf created the Sustainability Plan, which is the first sustainability plan for the College and the plan will cover FY2013- FY2019.
 - The plan consists of sustainability at Stonehill, greenhouse gas inventory, 16 key program areas and a list of project goals for each year.
 - Any feedback should be directed to Craig Binney.
 - The next draft will be presented to the Division Heads.
4. Sustainability Fair:
 - The Sustainability Fair took place on October 15th in the Quad.
 - This was the largest Sustainability Fair we have ever had.
 - At the fair there was a band and several informational tables.
 - Greg (via email) suggested that the fair would be better earlier in the semester and try to get in a speaker in and plan a week of simple activities. We need better marketing. Greg suggested a budget of \$3,500 for a Sustainability Week.
5. Paper usage on campus:
 - The library had an outstanding display at the Sustainability Fair. The library uses 40 cases of paper in 30 days which equates to 24 trees. Printing is a major issue in the library.
 - In one fiscal year the campus used almost 10 million sheets of paper on Xerox devices, which is approximately 6.7 reams of paper per person per year. Printing has gone up 8.3% between July and September of this year compared to last year.
 - A suggestion was made that the students would have a limited amount of paper to use each semester before getting charged.
 - Double-sided would be the default.
 - A sub-committee was formed to investigate ways we can reduce paper. They are as follows:
 - Maura Tyrrell

- Greg Wolfe
 - Nicole Casper
6. “Stop the Drop” Contest:
 - Kelly Treseler said that the contest was going fairly well. The contest is catching on with the residence halls. There have been mini contests for publicity such as RA Flyers. Bethany Frazier will be hosting a merit point movie next week.
 7. Closing the school between Christmas and New Year’s:
 - Craig Binney has written up a proposal that he sent to Human Resources. It will be presented to Division Heads on November 1st.
 - Jessa Gagne has estimated the savings to be about \$75,000.
 - There would be some employees that would still be on campus for example: Facilities would be doing projects, the mailroom would need one employee to receive the mail, the ice rink will be open, Campus Police, and Development would need someone for the end of the year giving.
 - Facilities would also have to have employees go around to building to make sure the heat was turned down, windows were shut, and shades were pulled down. January 1st there would need to be HVAC mechanics available to restore the heat up in each building.
 8. Meatless Monday’s:
 - There is a need for more education
 - Sodexo needs to limit the meat offerings in the cafeteria on Meatless Monday’s
 - A working group has been setup and they are as follows:
 - Greg Wolfe
 - Melissa Amaral
 - Jessa Gagne
 9. Quick Items:
 - SGA-\$50,000 –We need an update from Jim Hermelbracht. Bruce is waiting for the money and the list of items that the students would like to have done.
 - Bike Sharing Program- Nick Wilder was at the Sustainability Fair to see what students would like to see as far as renting the bikes, would they like to rent the bikes for the day, week, month or semester.
 - To rent the bike it would be free. If they rented it for the whole semester a deposit would be taken and then returned when the bike was returned.
 - There is a need for additional bike racks
 - Turtle Crossing Signs- The signs are a way to call attention to the wildlife on campus.
 - Water Fest- The event will take place on November 7th from 8:00-11:00PM. There will be several tables setup with information about water justice. A tap water bar will be set up, there will be activities, and there will be student performers.
 10. Future Agenda Items:
 - Sustainability Plan
 - Name change and a determination of where the ESC will report

The meeting ended at 1:30PM.