

Environmental Stewardship Council
Meeting Notes
November 19, 2012

In attendance were: Maura Tyrrell (chair), Melissa Amaral, Lauren Amundson, Craig Binney, Bruce Boyer, Nicole Casper, Kim Cordeiro, Jessa Gagne, Bob MacEachern, Bridget Meigs, Paul Ricci, Lisa Richards, Cheryl Schnitzer, Nick Wilder, and Greg Wolfe.

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

1. Meeting Minutes were approved for October.
2. Sustainability Plan:
 - The plan will increase recycling to 25% by 2017.
 - An unrealistic goal stated we would strive to get 100% student participation at The Farm; another event would be to have 1 or 2 meals a year including vegetables grown at The Farm in the Dining Commons. In October a meal could consist of squash, carrots and in the spring maybe a salad could be made from the vegetables from the Farm. This effort would be used to emphasize locally grown foods and tie The Farm to our Dining Program.
 - Also in the plan would be targeted fund-raising that would be designated for sustainability projects.
 - Please send any comments about the draft Sustainability Plan to Craig Binney as soon as possible.
3. Name Change and a determination of where the ESC will Report:
 - In the Sustainability plan, a name change for the ESC was suggested.
 - A name was suggested by Tom Balf: The Stonehill Sustainability Council. A decision will be made on the name change in the spring semester.
 - ESC will report to the Vice President for Finance and Treasurer. We had previously sought to report the Planning Committee.
 - A person from Informational Technology will be appointed to become a member of the ESC. There was universal support to add an IT member to the ESC.
4. Waterfest:
 - Recently the 3rd annual Waterfest Event was held.
 - This event went well and everyone seemed to enjoy the event that provided education on water use.
 - There were many presentations at the event. One presentation was about how many gallons it takes to water Tiger Woods golf course (4 million gallons per day).
5. Energy Manager Projects:
 - A conversion from oil heat to gas heat is underway at Boland Hall.
 - An order has been placed for ten electric sub-meters which will be installed during Christmas break.
 - One electric sub-meter will be placed in the Ice Rink garage so we can monitor the energy usage for the Ice Rink.
 - Shower heads will be replaced throughout the campus during Christmas break.
6. Green Tip Emails:
 - Green Tips will go out for the holidays.
 - Green Tip Emails will be sent out by the following:
 - January-Greg Wolfe
 - February- Maura Tyrrell & Nicole Casper
 - March- Lisa Richards and Cheryl Schnitzer

- April- Jessa Gagne
 - May- Kim Cordeiro & Bridget Meigs
7. Green Initiatives Applications:
- \$1800 was granted to the Sustainability Fair for the entertainment.
 - \$2800 was granted to Facilities for the bike green fund application. Facilities will purchase a temporary bike unit so the bike share program can begin.
 - An amount for \$500 as the prize for the recent Save the Drop water conservation contest was increased so that LED light bulbs could be offered to the residents of O'Hara Hall and O'Hara Village. (This is still under discussion.)
8. Quick Items:
- Meatless Monday's- There will be a focus on this next semester.
 - Closing the College between Christmas and New Year's Day- This will not happen this year. It might be considered in the future.
9. Future Agenda Items:
- Paper Usage on Campus
 - Meatless Mondays
 - New Sports Complex-Certified Buildings

The meeting ended at 1:30PM.