

Environmental Stewardship Council
Meeting Notes
February 4, 2013

In attendance were: Maura Tyrrell (chair), Lauren Amundson, Craig Binney, Bruce Boyer, Nicole Casper, Kim Cordeiro, Andrew Curran, Jessa Gagne, Dan Gardiner, Bob MacEachern, Tate Molaghan, Susan Mooney, Breanne Penkala, Paul Ricci, Lisa Richards, Cheryl Schnitzer, and Greg Wolfe. Steve Beauregard, AVP for Planning was present to discuss the Sustainability Plan.

The meeting started at 11:00AM in the Alumni Boardroom.

1. Meeting Minutes for November will be approved at the next meeting.
2. Long Range Plan:
 - Steve Beauregard discussed different options to have the Sustainability Plan be incorporated.
 - Sustainability Plan could be part of discussions with the planning groups who are working on the six questions for the Long Range Plan.
 - The best fit to discuss the Sustainability Plan is with the groups of Question 1 (Articulating and living our Stonehill's Catholic Identity chaired by Fr. Jim Lies) or Question 6 (Resource Growth through 2025 chaired by Jeanne Finlayson).
 - Another option would to have the Planning Committee review a draft of the Sustainability Plan and approve the plan for the current plan-Above and Beyond 2011-2015.
3. Jessa Gagne (Energy Manager) Update:
 - Jessa presented at the Quarterly Management meeting and also at a Residence Life Staff Meeting.
 - Projects over the Christmas Break:
 - 10 electric sub-meters were installed in the following buildings:
 - ✚ Merkert-Tracy Hall
 - ✚ Cushing Martin
 - ✚ Martin Institute
 - ✚ Ice Rink
 - ✚ Shields Science Center
 - ✚ New Residence Hall
 - ✚ Boland Hall
 - ✚ O'Hara Village
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 - ✚ Roche Dining Commons
 - Low-flow showerheads were installed in all the showers in both the Residence Halls and in the Sally Blair Ames Complex. In addition, all faucets were retrofitted with new low-flow sink aerators.
4. Update on the Green Initiatives Fund:
 - The fund started with \$10,000 for this fiscal year.
 - So far we have funded the following projects:
 - \$1,800- Sustainability Fair for the entertainment
 - \$1,600- Real Food Challenge- Breaking Ground 2013- February 14-18 in Baltimore, MD
 - \$500- Stop the Drop Contest
 - \$520- Climate Rally, Washington, DC
 - \$300- 100 To-go Containers

- Bike Racks are needed and a green fund application was submitted. The bike racks are very expensive to purchase and to install and therefore a budget request for FY2014 was submitted by Facilities.
 - SGA- \$50,000 was to be given to green fund initiatives, the money has not been received.
5. Sub-Committee Reports:
- Meatless Mondays- This semester Jessica Greene and Kim Pierce will setup a table to get students to sign a pledge not to eat meat on Mondays. The menus have been changed and there are many non-meat options to choose from. Every station has a meatless option. The Health Fair will be held on April 3rd.
 - Compost Update- Composting in the Commons is working very well. Composting at the Holy Cross Center Dining Room has not been working well. Education is needed for the residents of Holy Cross Center. Composting has been suggested to be done at significant events on Campus such as the Snowflake Soiree and other catered events. The composting program would like to include Ace's Place.
 - Student Printing- The paper used in the fall semester which has four public printers and one copier was 161 cartons of paper (805,000 sheets). Many hours are spent by the staff loading paper and fixing problems such as paper jams.
 - The school is using FSC Certified and recycled paper for printing.
 - Black and White copies have been reduced by 10% but the color copies have increased.
 - If IT could setup the copiers not to print automatically, but instead the student would have to go to the copier to release their print job that would reduce the paper consumption by approximately 10% to 15%.

The meeting ended at Noon.