



Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

8:30 a.m.

Merkert-Tracy 250-251

MINUTES

Attendees: Andy Anderson, Craig Binney, Bruce Boyer, Kristi Burkholder, Deb Carpenter, Nicole Casper, Erica Cordatos '19, Doreen DelMonaco, Linda DesRoches, Jessa Gagne, Caroline Grady '18, Kyle Lockhart, Bridget Meigs, Sue Mooney, Paul Ricci, Cheryl Schnitzer, Greg Wolfe, Emily Van Auken '18

Excused: Kim Cordeiro, Kathy Falcone, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Paulo Fontes, Michelle Guiney (Waste Management), Bob MacEachern, Tom McGrath, Peter Mercedes '20, Aleksandra Steele '19

The meeting commenced at 8:30 a.m. and was chaired by Cheryl Schnitzer.

1. Minutes for the March 27th meeting were approved.
2. Earth Week Events – Emily reviewed the activities for the week. Eco Craft Night consisted of decorating mugs to donate to the Give A Mug program in the Dining Commons. A *Stonehill Goes Green* banner, to be hung in the Dining Commons, was available for all to sign as a pledge. Climate Change Trivia, sponsored by IDEAS, is being held tonight. The guest speaker scheduled for tomorrow, alum Chelsea Shepherd of the New England Aquarium, is unable to attend. Food Truth's Trashion Show will be held on Thursday, along with music and *real food* treats. Friday's main event is Farm Friday volunteering.

Several students mentioned that the mug project was enjoyable, but this is a busy time for students, especially evenings. Approximately 70 students were in attendance at the Earth Day mass on Sunday evening.

3. Waste Reduction Committee / Green 2Go Update – There has been a great student response with a 70% reduction in disposable container usage. It seems that this is becoming the norm – people know this is what they should be doing. A major concern is what to do about residence hall collections. Some students have stockpiled containers in their rooms, allowing them to sit unwashed for too long and cannot be cleaned, so they do not return them. One idea presented was to have students collect containers and leave clips for two hours each night in the residence hall common areas. Possibly a work-study student could go to residence halls with clips and a bag for collecting containers. Clear, well-placed reminders of where to return them is the best chance for success. Signs could be on napkin holders, walls, at the checkouts, and residence hall doors. There was a suggestion to hold a raffle for those returning containers.

The Waste Reduction Committee will be meeting on Monday, April 30 in Archives to recap the pilot period and to plan for next semester.

A reminder should be sent to seniors to drop off their containers before leaving campus.

4. Green Kit Volunteers – Volunteers typically can move in early in August. Emily will reach out to SEA members. Bridget will review the handout; Greg will work on vendor donations. Andy

questioned if transfer students actually receive their kits. He will reach out to Steve Pagios, Director of Student Engagement, to consider this a part of the First Year Experience program.

5. Give a Mug – This program appears to be working. Approximately 100 cups of coffee were sold in mugs during the program's first week. This will need further marketing. Mugs will continue to be accepted.
6. Real Food – A student is interning this summer to focus on vendors of *real food*. She will share her findings with Stonehill's Real Food club. This club holds monthly working meetings, and although there are changes in leadership, the club has a great group of people. Greg suggested they work with Sodexo, speaking with 6-8 schools in our area to see what does and does not work for them. This is a student-based initiative but needs assistance from our vendors.
7. Learning Inside Out Network (LION) Program – Erica discussed this program, which is coordinated by Professor Anna Ohanyan. The Program centers on Global Security and Humanitarianism in Practice and involves taking a related Stonehill course (International Politics, Conflict Analysis & Resolution or Peace & Conflict Studies), then an internship abroad, typically in non-western, developing countries such as Armenia or Serbia. While abroad, students study and research the theory and practice of global security while working with an NGO, think tank or media organization. Erica feels that LION is a great fit for ENV students and can be experienced during an academic semester or summer.
8. Other Business –

Print Management – Almost half of the campus's paper usage is now 30% recycled content and we plan to make it our new standard. It is currently being used in Shields, Duffy, and MacPháidín, as well as other offices. At our peak, we were printing 12 million copies per year; we are currently at 7 million. We are still trying to get further paper usage data from our print management system.

Cheryl mentioned the good information that Craig had previously shared with the ESC regarding sustainable choices for the new building projects on campus.

Sue and Kristi's student presentation topics included green certification for people and composting strategies.

Greg stated that the ESC should include representatives from Athletics, Marketing and IT.
9. Upcoming Events
Saturday, April 28 - Jamnesty

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.