



STONEHILL COLLEGE

Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

9:00 a.m.

Via Zoom

MINUTES

Attendees: Bruce Boyer, Kristi Burkholder, Alyssa Cimino '22, Kim Cordeiro, Jessa Gagne, Abby Guilfoyle '22, Gina Herosian '23, Brittany Lorgeree, Bob MacEachern, Fr. Tim Mouton, Deb Norton, Paul Ricci, Rob Rodgers, Cheryl Schnitzer (Chair), Colin Spencer, Greg Wolfe

The meeting commenced at 9:00 a.m. and was chaired by Prof. Cheryl Schnitzer.

1. Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves. Cheryl welcomed Alyssa Cimino '22 as our SGA rep, and Abby Guilfoyle as our SEA rep.

2. Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes from May 25, 2021, were approved as edited.

3. Zoom vs. In-Person

It was determined that most attendees prefer to meet via Zoom for the next meeting. This will be re-visited at the October meeting.

4. Sub-Committee Updates

a. Strategic Planning

Jessa noted that this subcommittee is working to identify the courses having sustainable content.

Each subcommittee is asked to review its goals in the ESC Planning Document, make updates, assign people to each goal, and provide expected dates for completion. Cheryl noted that this should be completed prior to the October 26 ESC meeting. The ESC Planning Document is located in the [ESC SharePoint folder](#).

b. Waste Reduction

Bob explained that this spring we switched our trash and recycling vendor from Waste Management to Clean Way, and he has already seen improvements. He will invite our Clean Way representative to attend an upcoming ESC meeting to discuss waste reduction opportunities on campus.

c. Choose2Reuse App Update

Cheryl updated the group on the development of the Choose2Reuse app, last year's Computer Science Capstone Project. Caleb Hadley '22 is making final modifications as needed. Cheryl explained that the Green2Go initiative had drastically reduced the use of

single-use containers, but 1/3 of the green recyclable to-go containers were not being returned for reuse, which was very unsustainable. The Choose2Reuse app works with the QR codes on each to-go container for tracking purposes and to provide usage data. Users will receive texts such as a reminder to return a container or offer a reward for timely returns.

Choose2Reuse trademark and copywrite paperwork is still being finalized. A business group (including Greg Wolfe and Kathleen Fitzgerald) will take the product from development to a working program. A pilot program may be tested on ESC members in October in order to identify any obstacles to success. The goal is to have it up and running in January, but this depends on any COVID-19 restrictions at that time.

The pandemic has caused our usage of single-use products to increase exponentially. It was noted that the paper products in the Dining Commons costs Stonehill ~\$10,000 per week.

There is concern that post-pandemic, we may have to work on changing the mindset on reusable products (e.g., a video showing our cleaning/sanitizing processes).

d. Communications/Marketing

Colin volunteered to be the chair of this subcommittee as Chanel Mazzone has left the College. Alyssa and Abby have joined as well, to assist with social media communications. Thank you!!!

This group's goals include creating a college-wide calendar for environmental and sustainable events on campus, bi-weekly communications spreading knowledge about sustainable choices through email and social media, and creating sustainable signage along the Admission tour route. Other subcommittees can reach out for collaboration or send out their own messages.

The roll out of the Choose2Reuse program will require specific marketing and communication. SEA and SGA may be helpful in getting the word out.

e. Real Food

Gina noted that she is working with Bridget Gill to revive the Food Truth club since Bridget Lawrence Meigs has left the College. Kristi mentioned that Mike Salé is the faculty liaison for the Real Food Working Group this year and could be of assistance to them. Greg and Kathleen are also members of this group.

f. Environmental Justice

Rob volunteered to chair this subcommittee as Louisa Rossel has graduated.

5. **Other Business**

- a. Kristi discussed a new book entitled *Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World*, by Katharine Hayhoe, atmospheric scientist and professor of political science at Texas Tech U. This author is exceptional at conducting meaningful discussions about the environment with a hopeful approach.
<https://www.amazon.com/Saving-Us-Climate-Scientists-Healing/dp/1982143835>

Cheryl suggested that the ESC bring speakers such as Prof. Hayhoe to the College to hear their views on addressing climate change and other environmental concerns.

- b. Abby noted that the SEA is organizing a campus cleanup. They were offered magnetic pickers, waders for the pond, and trash bags and gloves from Facilities. Paul mentioned that the biggest trash problem on campus is discarded masks.
- c. Personal Initiatives:

Cheryl shared that she is trying to rid her bathroom of plastic containers, and she has purchased shampoo in bar form.

Colin is working to optimize his gas mileage – reaching 59 mpg in his Prius.

Brittany makes her own toothpaste using baking soda, coconut oil and peppermint essential oils. She also shared that Langwater Farm offers farm shares (CSA's), which helps to promote shopping locally and reduces plastic waste.

6. Upcoming Events

- a. Brittany noted that there are a few more open spots for the *Vocation for Social Justice Program* (October 21, November 18, December 2) for faculty and staff. Fr. Tim and Kristi plan to participate.
- b. The *Worldwide Teach-In on Climate and Justice* is scheduled for March 30, 2022. Professors Sue Mooney, Mary Joan Leith, Eric LeFlore, and Cheryl Schnitzer will be attending info sessions this fall. Click [here](#) for info and to register. Cheryl noted that it would be great to have the College rally around this initiative as a larger community.
- c. Brittany discussed the program *Renewing the Earth, Living Laudato Si' in the year of Ignatius*. This program includes monthly challenges to learn, pray and act for ecological justice. Click [here](#) for more info. There was discussion on bringing this program to the College, possibly through the SGA and/or Division Heads.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 26 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom.

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Submitted by Deb Norton



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1. Welcome & Introductions

Cheryl welcomed Lori Harris, our new Advancement representative and Environmental Justice subcommittee member, and Gina Herosian who is heading up our Real Food subcommittee.

2. Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes from September 28, 2021, were approved as submitted.

3. Sub-Committee Updates

Strategic Planning

Craig noted that we do some really good work here but need to improve our marketing efforts. We are in the second year of our Five-Year Strategic Plan. Each subcommittee should review its goals and either update the [Plan](#) on SharePoint or send updates to Craig.

Prior to the GenEd revision being placed on hold, Kristi (part of the GenEd Task Force) was exploring ways to integrate sustainability into other programs.

Jessa has been working on many energy reduction projects. This summer O'Hara Hall received new boilers and was converted from oil to natural gas, which will heat the building more efficiently and reduce fossil fuel usage. The projects we have completed from 2011 to 2017 have reduced our energy usage by 20%.

Jessa discussed a project planned in Duffy over winter break that will significantly decrease electrical usage while increasing occupant comfort. Materials have been ordered early due to the ongoing supply chain issues.

Waste Reduction

Bob noted that he is working with our Clean Way rep, Corey, to adjust scheduling. Craig asked if we could get any metrics from them on our waste and recycled materials, and will they provide support for our sustainability goals. Bob will ask Corey to attend an upcoming ESC meeting.

Choose2Reuse App Update

Cheryl provided an update. The app is now available to download - use your Stonehill email account. A Business class is helping to carry out a Choose2Reuse pilot program beginning in November, but we are awaiting the QR code stickers for the re-usable containers. Use this link to sign up for the pilot <https://choose2reusepilot.weebly.com>. Additionally, the class has developed a website <https://choose2reuse.org/login>. Please pass along any comments.

Kathleen has posted the pilot sign-up link on the Dining Services website. There are approximately 65 students signed up so far.

The pilot will be for food to-go only, and the drop off for used containers will be in the Commons. They hope to have green-shirt people assisting during the pilot, in one-hour shifts.

It was suggested that the Green Fund be used to fund a Choose2Reuse intern to help with the program's launch next semester. Cheryl has a student in mind for this.

Communications/Marketing

The subcommittee met yesterday to discuss its goals. Abby and Alyssa will support our messaging via Instagram, and they can help to market the Choose2Reuse program if needed.

The plan is to send out more messages this year than in previous years. Additionally, sustainability-related signage will be posted along our major pedestrian walkways promoting our solar installations, outside LED lighting, and electric vehicle charging stations.

Real Food

Gina is working with Bridget Gill to revive the Food Truth group since Bridget Lawrence Meigs and Lucy Almborg left the College. They plan to meet with Professor Sale to help determine their goals for the year. Linda DesRoches of Sodexo can work with Food Truth concerning local food sourcing.

The Real Food working group seems to be on hold until a new Farm Manager is hired.

Environmental Justice

Rob is unable to attend today but is trying to work out where this group's focus should be. Brittany volunteered to serve on this subcommittee.

4. Other Business

Sustainable Living

Brittany discussed ideas for making small steps in sustainable living. There was discussion on creating a *sustainable living tool kit* for freshmen to refer to as they pack for college. Communications on this could be widespread – signage in bathrooms, laundry areas, res. halls, and on social media.

Branding

There was discussion on branding for the ESC. Colin believes that we do not need a separate logo for marketing sustainability on campus as the initiatives are Stonehill initiatives, not just ESC. For uniformity, we can use "Sustainable Skyhawks" or "Sustainable Stonehill" on all our marketing communications. Brittany volunteered to serve on this subcommittee.

Green Fund

Gina, Bruce, and Lori volunteered to review Green Fund applications this year.

5. **Upcoming Events**

The *Worldwide Teach-In on Climate and Justice* is scheduled for March 30, 2022. Info sessions are being held throughout this fall. Click [here](#) for info and to register.

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1. Welcome & Introductions

As this is the last meeting of the semester, we will review our achievements for the fall.

2. Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes from October 26, 2021, were approved as submitted.

3. Sub-Committee Updates

Strategic Planning

Craig and Bob met to review the invoicing from Clean Way, our new waste management vendor. Their invoices report our waste and recycling tonnage, which will be very helpful as we work toward further waste minimization on campus. We hope to have our Clean Way representative attend an upcoming ESC meeting to learn about ways they can assist us with our efforts.

Craig, Rob, and Lori met to discuss the role of the Environmental Justice subcommittee and what its goals should be going forward.

Waste Reduction

Bob was unable to attend the meeting.

Choose2Reuse

Cheryl provided an update. The pilot program was very helpful, with approximately 43 students participating and 350 transactions. App improvement ideas were noted, and changes will be made by student Caleb Hadley during winter break.

There was discussion on how sustainable the green containers are vs. compostable. The more the reusable containers are used, the more sustainable this program will be. This is an important initiative for the College, and we are committed to following through with it.

Cheryl reminded the group of how successful Green2Go was in reducing our single-use container usage from 86,000 in 2017, to 8700 in 2018.

Students will receive incentives (free treats), the more they use Choose2Reuse. Charging students for using single-use containers will also serve as an incentive. Students will only be charged for the green containers if they are not returned at the end of the semester. When students enter the servery, they can choose either a plate for dining-in, or take out a reusable to-go container, which they need to use the Choose2Reuse app to get.

Student Hannah Gennaro has been hired to coordinate the roll out of the program during the spring semester. Tahj Valentine, SGA President, has reached out to help as well. In addition to students, Sodexo workers and RA's will be trained on the Choose2Reuse process. Changing habits is the goal. It will become as simple as checking out and returning a library book. Scanning the container QR codes will provide a lot of valuable information such as how many times a container is used.

It was suggested that more drop off boxes be available, including in res. halls, as this was considered a problematic part of the Green2Go program.

Gina mentioned that the green container she received in her Green Kit during freshman orientation was an effective way to promote campus sustainability.

Cheryl announced that Choose2Reuse has become an LLC. This program is at the forefront of sustainable campus dining, and the hope is to work with other institutions to utilize the program. We need to publicize this Stonehill initiative, beyond internal communications.

Communications/Marketing

Colin noted that a communications template has been developed for easy distribution. The subcommittee made a list of topics for future campus communications, including Choose2Reuse publicity for next semester.

Outdoor signage promoting the College's sustainability efforts is in the works and will be placed in high-traffic locations on campus shortly.

Real Food

Gina and Bridget are determining their focus for the spring semester, but are awaiting the hiring of the new Farm Director as they hope to work with them on Real Food.

Student outreach will be conducted via Instagram, asking what aspect of *real food* they are most interested in. The hope is to implement new food items based on student responses.

A springtime farmer's market is being planned.

Environmental Justice

Rob explained that the subcommittee is reassessing what their focus should be. They will be working to intentionally bring social justice to each ESC subcommittee.

Cheryl noted that it is hard to find environmental components within the College's Five-Year Plan, which the ESC had tried to modify to include sustainability goals. We have an obligation to promote social justice on campus.

Kristi added that there is an effort by the Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity and Social Justice to bring Dorceta Taylor to campus. Ms. Taylor is a professor at the Yale School of the Environment and a well-known environmental justice advocate.

4. **Other Business**

Farm Director Search

Kristi is chairing the Farm Director search committee, which had 33 applicants. They will be scheduling in-person interviews for next week for the four finalists. She will try to schedule separate half-hour meetings for the ESC to meet with the finalists. Community feedback will be imperative.

Freshman Green Kits

Greg noted that student groups should be coordinating the Green Kits each year. This initiative takes a lot of planning. This will be discussed at the January ESC meeting.

5. **Upcoming Events**

The *Worldwide Teach-In on Climate and Justice* is scheduled for March 30, 2022. Info sessions are being held throughout this fall. Click [here](#) for info and to register.

Kristi noted that our Environmental professors have been attending the info sessions. Kristi hopes to have an Environmental professor attend ESC meetings while she is on sabbatical next semester.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

Next meeting: TBD

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Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

9 a.m.

Via Zoom

MINUTES

Attendees: Craig Binney, Bruce Boyer, John Duggan, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Jessa Gagne, Lori Harris, Gina Herosian '23, Bob MacEachern, Fr. Tim Mouton, Deb Norton, Paul Ricci, Rob Rodgers, Cheryl Schnitzer (Chair), Colin Spencer, Greg Wolfe

Guests: Corey Bova of Clean Way Waste Services, Prof. Eric LeFlore

The meeting commenced at 9:00 a.m. and was chaired by Prof. Cheryl Schnitzer.

1. **Clean Way Waste Services** – Corey Bova, Sales Manager, was invited to discuss how we can work together to improve our reduce, reuse, and recycle efforts. Clean Way tracks our monthly trash and recycling tonnage, which will assist us in determining our progress. Our total waste since May 2021, is 527 tons of material, 15% of which are recyclables.

It was noted that recycling should be simpler. Often, we can't determine what is acceptable to recycle, and we don't want to contaminate the load. Corey noted a single stream recycling guide on their website (page 3 of these minutes). He explained that Clean Way's recycling is brought to either Waste Management in Avon or Casella Waste Systems in Charlestown, where it is sorted. Corey stated that Stonehill has not had any food contamination issues.

Clean Way is exploring composting services, but they currently don't offer it.

Greg asked Corey to help us educate our students and to attend the monthly ESC meetings, if available. He also noted that visiting a recycling facility might be helpful.

2. **Metrics** – Craig shared three slides (see page 4) showing data for our waste/recycling and carbon usage. Over the past few years, we are consistently recycling 16-22% of our total waste.

Although the Covid pandemic has skewed the data, we have clearly reduced our carbon footprint. This is due to major energy projects in our older buildings, water conservation projects, the green container initiative, having more efficient vehicles, and many other initiatives. Despite the large additions of Meehan and May Halls, their systems are much more efficient than those of Stanger Hall and the Old Student Union. It was noted that we need to publicize our achievements better.

John would like to see specific, measurable sustainability goals included in the strategic plan. Please reach out with your ideas.

3. **Stonehill Climate Summit** – Professor Eric LeFlore, Assistant Professor of Biology and Environmental Science, discussed the campus-wide climate summit being planned for March 30 (tentatively). This will coincide with the *Worldwide Teach-In on Climate and Justice* being coordinated by Bard College. Professors LeFlore and Hauff are seeking involvement from students, faculty, and staff, to engage as many people as possible. The hope is to have student-moderated panels for active discussion on climate change. Reach out to Eric with panelist suggestions eleflore@stonehill.edu.

It was noted that there will be a student-led *Lead for Justice* workshop on April 2, and perhaps the two events could be linked.

4. **November 30 Meeting Minutes** – Cheryl noted a couple of edits to the minutes. The minutes were approved as amended.

5. **Sub-Committee Updates**

Waste Reduction

Bob noted that the group discussed five drop-off locations for the Choose2Reuse containers.

Bob, Cheryl, and Susan Viera will be meeting shortly to discuss ideas for labeling the containers.

Choose2Reuse

Cheryl announced that the pilot is going strong this semester. Volunteer *green shirts* are available during lunch and dinner, to guide students through the Choose2Reuse process.

Kathleen noted that the app was down briefly on Monday night, and that some students are taking the green containers without scanning them. She suggested having more green shirts.

Cheryl noted that there are four interns working on the Choose2Reuse rollout.

Bob offered to have green containers collected over spring break.

Communications/Marketing

Colin noted that the group will be meeting shortly. He intends to send out a bunch of emails this semester, now that a template has been developed. This group will assist with publicizing the Choose2Reuse rollout.

Real Food

The group was unable to meet this month.

6. **Other Business**

Greg stressed the need for student involvement on this committee.

7. **Upcoming Events**

- Fridays in February from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.: **Food Solutions New England's Winter Series**. Register for part or all sessions [here](#).
- March 16 at 7 p.m. in Martin Auditorium: **St. Andre Lecture "We Are Creation Too: Learning From and Living Out Pope Francis's Laudato Si"**, presented by Fr. Daniel Horan, OFM, Professor of Philosophy, Religious Studies and Theology at St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, IN.
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- April 4-24: **FSNE's 21-Day Racial Equity Habit-Building Challenge**. For information and registration, click [here](#).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

Upcoming meetings:

February 22 at 9 a.m.

March 29 at 9 a.m.

April 26 at 9 a.m.

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CLEAN WAY WASTE SERVICES, INC. – SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING PROGRAM

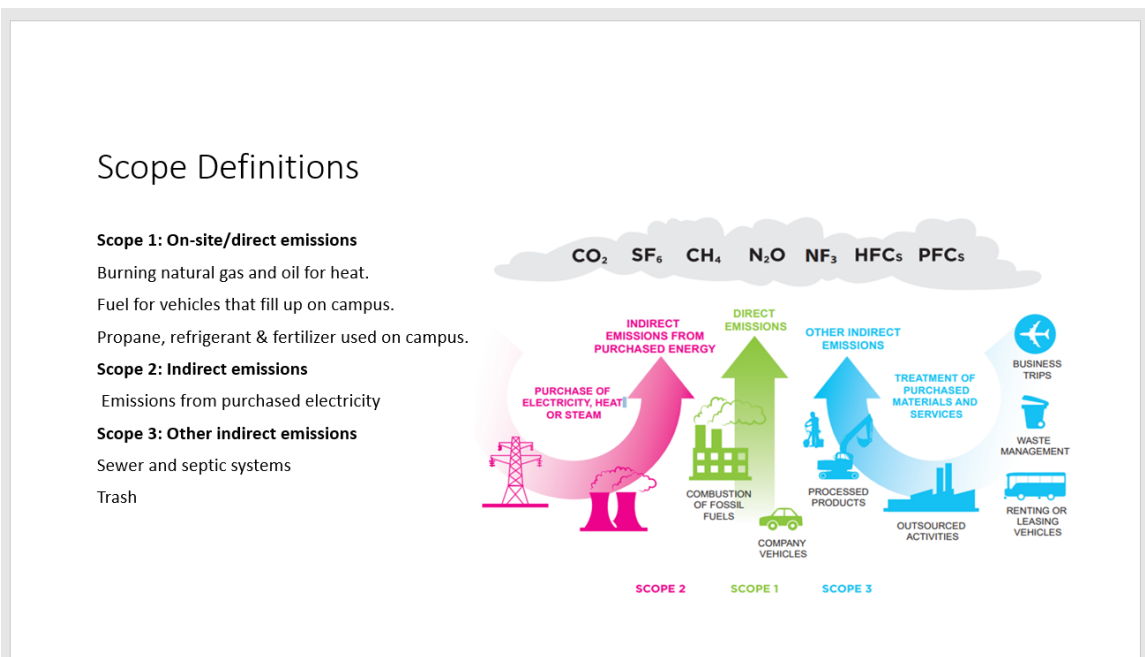
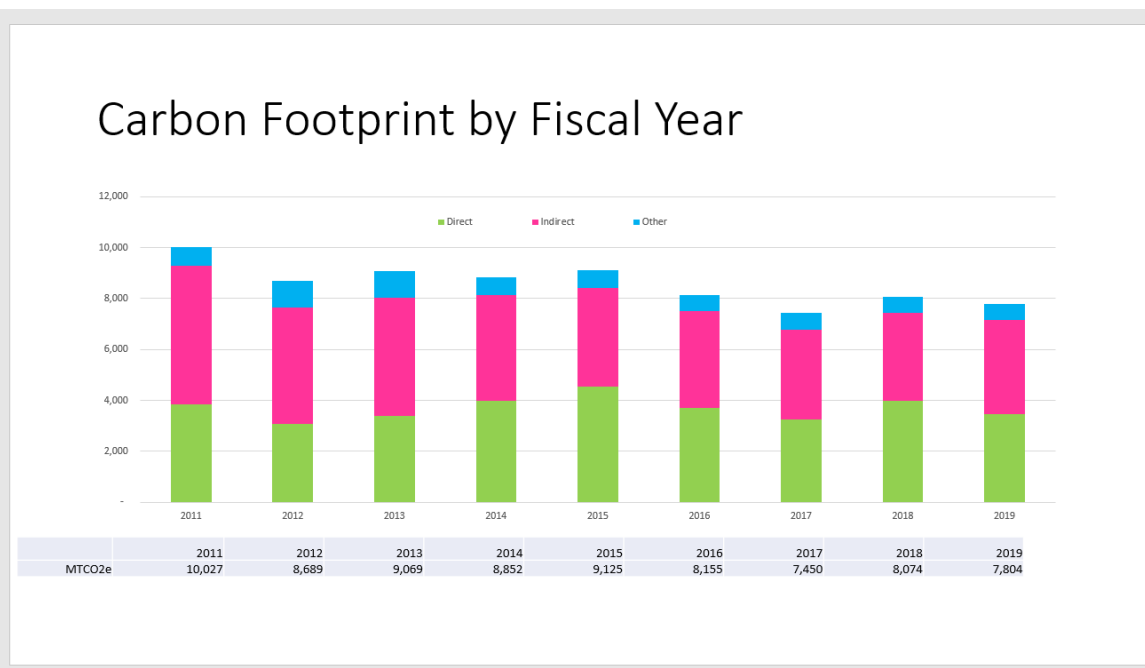
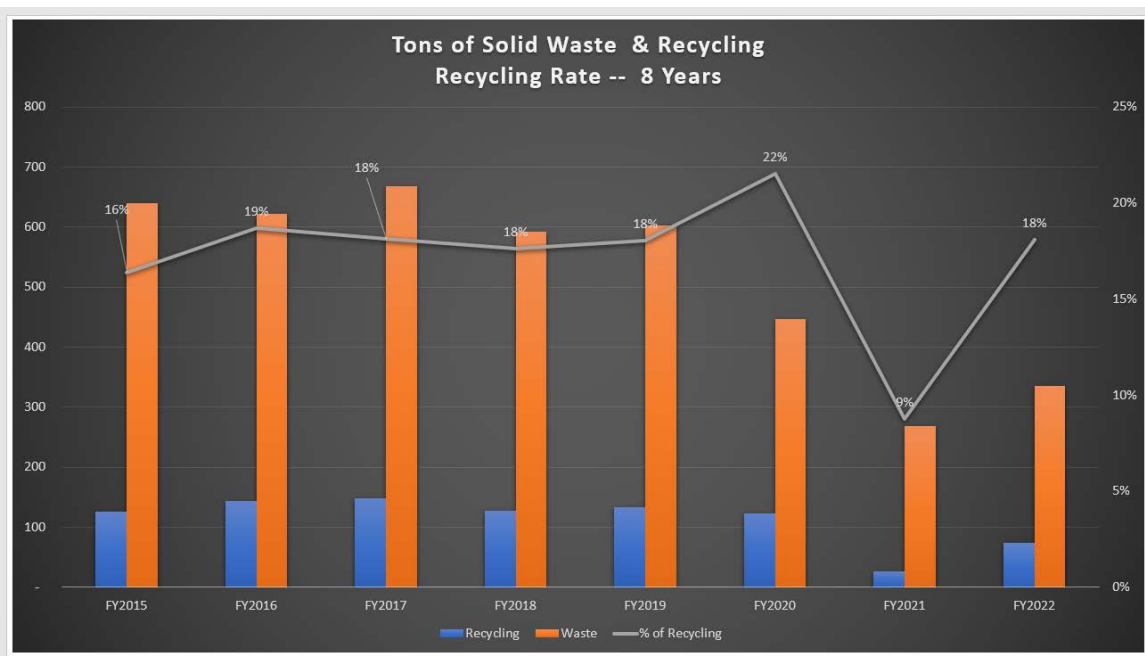
Below are items that you CAN recycle in our program:

*Note: **ALL CONTAINERS MUST BE EMPTY & CLEAN*

- Paper (newspaper, junk mail, magazines, catalogs, envelopes)
- Clean cardboard and boxboard
- Paper egg cartons
- Paper bags
- Office and school papers
- Empty glass jars and bottles
- Aluminum cans and clean foil
- Empty tin and steel aerosol cans
- All plastic containers labeled #1 and #2

What is NOT recyclable in this system?

- No garbage
- No food waste or food tainted items (used paper plates or boxes, paper towels or paper napkins)
- No polystyrene or styrofoam
- No motor oil bottles
- No hazardous chemical containers
- No plastic toys or sporting goods
- No electronics or batteries
- No compact discs or DVDs
- No foam egg cartons
- No ice cream cartons
- No light bulbs
- No yard waste or garden tools
- No pots and pans
- No phone books
- No pizza boxes
- No mirrors or window glass





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1. January 25 Meeting Minutes

Cheryl noted an edit to the minutes. The minutes were approved as amended.

2. Luncheon with Reverend Daniel P. Horan, OFM

Kim discussed arranging a luncheon on March 16 at noon for ESC members to meet with Reverend Horan. She will email an invitation.

Reverend Horan will be presenting the Saint Andre Lecture that evening at 7 p.m. entitled "We Are Creation Too: Learning From and Living Out Pope Francis's Laudato Si".

3. Student Projects – Laundry, Year-End Move Out, Freshman Green Kits

Greg discussed working with Professor Sue Mooney's Environmental Ethics students on several projects that should have measurable and observable outcomes. The students are considering developing a laundry contest, tracking student usage, and raising awareness on energy and water consumption. There was discussion about adding signage and the feasibility of turning off the hot water to washing machines.

The year-end move out is a big event at some schools. We could eliminate many items from our waste stream if we are well organized. It might be helpful to have colored roll-off bins to collect textiles for recycling and other items for donations to My Brother's Keeper, Salvation Army, etc. Dave can help determine the best bin locations for student convenience. Greg will contact Bay State Textiles. It was suggested that summer storage be available for students; however, this has been very costly in the past.

A campus sponsor is needed to coordinate the Freshman Green Kits program. This program is a great way to train freshmen to think green right away. The kit's products should be practical items – such as a bottle brush, not items that will just get thrown out. It was suggested that Green Kits be incorporated into orientation and distributed at that time.

4. Sub-Committee Updates

Strategic Planning

Craig discussed the annual Princeton Review survey (Green Initiatives section), which Deb coordinates with contributions from Luke Newman, Paul Ricci, Bob MacEachern, Kathy Falcone, Gina Herosian '23, Sue Mooney, Greg Wolfe, Andrew Leahy and Jessa Gagne. Based on over 25 data points from the survey, colleges earn a Green Rating score between 60 and 99. Colleges that earn a Green Rating score of 80 or above are highlighted in the annual *Guide to Green Colleges*. Stonehill has been included in the Guide from 2014 to 2021; however, our score fell to 75 this year. Jessa explained that the pandemic skewed some of

our data such as recycling/student and energy use/student, since the campus dropped by 300 resident students at one point. This is despite our enormous decrease in energy consumption during that time.

Craig explained that it is a priority to be included in the Green Guide for admission and enrollment purposes. He also discussed the recent and upcoming residence hall improvement projects to increase the number of students living on campus.

Waste Reduction - No update was provided.

Choose2Reuse

Cheryl explained that they are watching the website's container usage data closely and emailing students for their feedback on the program. Reminders have been posted on social media for students to remember to scan their green containers. It is important that each container gets hundreds of uses in order to be a sustainable program.

Greg noted that 300 containers is enough for now as the Choose2Reuse pilot program is only at the Commons – with 542 users to-date this semester. This will be ramped up at the other dining venues in the fall.

Communications/Marketing - No update was provided.

Real Food - No update was provided.

5. **Upcoming Events**

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Last year, Greg and Craig participated in the Challenge, and they had five-minute discussions daily on that day’s topic. It makes you more thoughtful, on a daily basis, and they highly recommend participating. You can spend as much or as little time as you want on the Challenge.

Brittany suggested that campus groups participate in the Challenge and have structured discussions.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

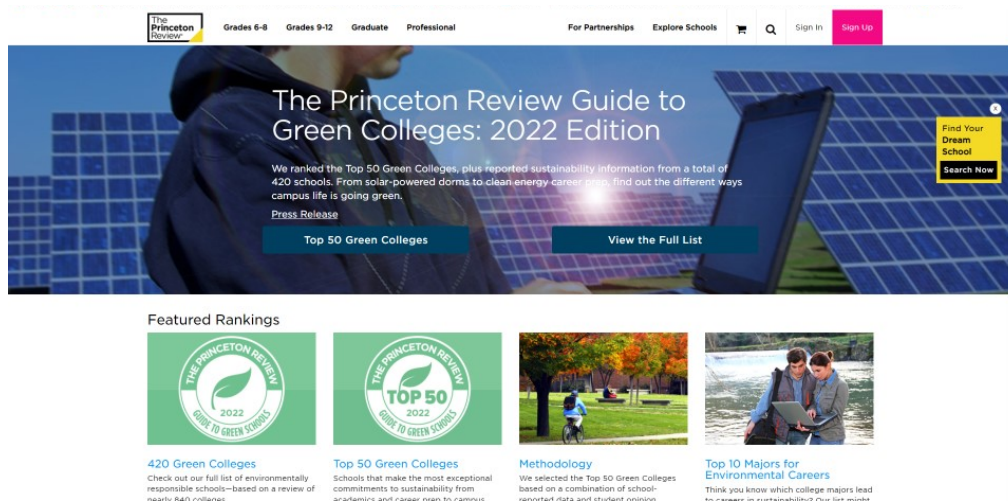
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Annual Princeton Review Survey - Student Life Section / Green Campus Questions

Contributors:

Luke Newman

Computer Purchasing

Paul Ricci

Integrated Pest Management

Facilities for Bicyclists

Bob MacEachern

Cleaning Products Purchasing

Waste Diversion

Kathy Falcone

Condensed Work Week

Telecommuting

Gina Herosian '23

Active Student Organizations Focused on Sustainability

Sue Mooney

Sustainability Learning Outcomes

Undergraduate Program in Sustainability

Faculty Engaged in Sustainability Research

Sustainability Research Incentives

Greg Wolfe

Office Paper Purchasing

Campus Fleet

Mass Transit Programs

Food and Beverage Purchasing

Vegan Dining

Andrew Leahy

Career Center Guidance on Green Jobs

Craig Binney

Committee on Investor Responsibility

Jessa Gagne

Building Operations and Maintenance

Building Design and Construction

Indoor Air Quality

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory

Clean and Renewable Energy

Energy Metering

Student Commute Modal Split

Employee Commute Modal Split

Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

Carpool/Vanpool Matching

Cash-out of Parking

Carpool Discount

Local Housing

Prohibiting Idling

Car Sharing

Bicycle Sharing

Sustainability Coordination

Climate Action Plan

Top Three Undertakings that Represent our Environmental Commitment

Princeton Review Green Ratings:												
NE10 Conf	College	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
	UMASS-Amherst	85	99				96					97
x	Bentley University		92				97			98		93
	Boston College		83				77					90
x	Le Moyne College		69				74					85
	Bryant College	72	76				81					84
	Holy Cross	92	92				84					83
x	St. Michaels College		93				96			82		82
x	Pace University		65				69			81		79
x	U of New Haven		60				60					79
x	Stonehill College	73	84	89	88	82	84	87	88	84	84	75
x	Adelphi University		93				78					66
x	College of St. Rose		60				60					65
*	Merrimack College		65				67					63
	Providence College	69	69				60					63
x	St. Anselm College		60				60					63
	Quinnipiac University		73				75					61
x	AIC		60				60					61
x	Southern CT		85				87					60
x	Franklin Pierce University		74				60					60
x	Assumption College		61				60					60
x	Southern NH		87									60
	Bridgewater State	61	61									60
	Average		76				74					72
	(a score of 60 means the institution did not fill out the survey)											
			8th				6th					10th
	* Merrimack no longer NE10 Conference as of 2018											



STONEHILL COLLEGE

Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

9 a.m.

Via Zoom

MINUTES

Attendees: Craig Binney, Bruce Boyer, John Duggan, Kathleen Fitzgerald (Sodexo), Jessa Gagne, Joanna Ravello Goods, Gina Herosian '23, Eric LeFlore, Brittany Lorgeree, Laurie Mooney, Fr. Tim Mouton, Deb Norton, Paul Ricci, Rob Rodgers, Cheryl Schnitzer (Chair), Colin Spencer, Greg Wolfe

The meeting commenced at 9:00 a.m. and was chaired by Prof. Cheryl Schnitzer.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Joanna Ravello Goods, Associate Provost for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and Laurie Mooney, Farm Director, introduced themselves to the group.

2. Meeting Minutes

The February 22 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

3. Stonehill Teach-In on Climate and Justice

Professor Eric LeFlore provided an update on this event, which has been rescheduled to April 20 from 5-8 pm in Martin Auditorium. This is in conjunction with the *Worldwide Teach-In* organized by Bard College, which has thousands of participants and organizations signed up from around the world. Its focus is on the next eight years – through 2030.

Stonehill's event will cover seven topics with panel discussions and guided conversations and will also include student dance, theater, and artwork. Cheryl, Jessa, Greg, Brittany, and Rob offered to assist with the discussions.

The seven topics are:

- Climate Science 101
- Daily Impact at Stonehill College Avoid Avoidance – Make positive changes
- Climate Justice and Equity
- Faith Community Role
- Biodiversity
- Climate Solutions

There was discussion on using the Green Fund for this event.

4. Joanna Ravello Goods, Associate Provost for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Joanna provided an overview of her 20+ years in higher education. She discussed her belief that the systems within institutions effect students, and internal interventions are needed to improve conditions for students, faculty, and staff. Reporting to the Provost, this new position works cross-divisionally and collaborates with the Provost, Deans, Office of Intercultural Affairs, Human Resources, and Enrollment Management to support diversity and inclusion initiatives for prospective and current students, faculty, and staff.

The scope of her work includes:

- Strategic Planning and Assessment
- Faculty Engagement, Retention, and Advancement
- Faculty & Staff Leadership Development
- Community Development
- Reporting on DEI Efforts

Joanna explained that she is currently doing a lot of listening, reading reports, and is speaking with students and faculty. Concerns expressed to her include the different DEI actions across campus with no connection of efforts. Also, people want an assessment – are we moving forward in this area?

Discussion continued on the upcoming 21-Day Racial Equity Habit-Building Challenge as well as on-campus food insecurity concerns.

5. **Laurie Mooney, Farm Director**

Laurie discussed her ideas for expanding the compost program, creating a larger area at The Farm. She would like to bring in laying hens to serve as insectaries, to enhance the compost and make it more sanitary. Greg noted that he and Kathleen are happy to work with Laurie on her proposal. Increased composting efforts have been stymied in the past due to students contaminating the compost collection bins in the Dining Commons. Bruce and Paul also offered their support.

Laurie reviewed her 2022 growing season plan for the ten plot areas.

Rob will connect Laurie with the NRT's (Sheep Pasture) executive director, Jen Cummings, for possible collaborations.

6. **Sub-Committee Updates**

Strategic Planning - Craig explained the financial challenges with solar installations. The next big energy trend is expected to be batteries. He also discussed that the ESC has its short-term goals, i.e., trash reduction, composting, Choose2Reuse, but we need to carefully develop our long-term goals.

Waste Reduction - No update was provided.

Choose2Reuse – The pilot continues; making sure it is working as intended.

Communications/Marketing - No update was provided.

Real Food – Gina noted that this year has been challenging, but she, Bridget Gill and Laurie Mooney will be meeting regularly to ramp up Food Truth for next year.

7. **Upcoming Events**

- April 1 at 4:35 p.m.: **Outdoor Social Justice Stations of the Cross** begins behind the Chapel of Mary. This event is sponsored by the Office of Campus Ministry.
- April 4-24: **FSNE's 21-Day Racial Equity Habit-Building Challenge**. For information and registration, click [here](#).
- April 19 at 6:35 p.m.: **Oxfam Hunger Banquet** interactive community event designed to bring hunger and poverty issues to life - Martin Auditorium
- April 20: **Stonehill Teach-In on Climate & Justice**, organized by professors Eric LeFlore and Martha Hauff, in conjunction with the *Worldwide Teach-In on Climate and Justice* organized by Bard College.
- April 22: **Earth Day**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

Next meeting:

April 26 at 9 a.m. via Zoom

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Submitted by Deb Norton
Administrative Assistant



STONEHILL COLLEGE

Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

9 a.m.

Via Zoom

MINUTES

Attendees: Craig Binney, Bruce Boyer, Kim Cordeiro, Kathleen Fitzgerald (Sodexo), Jessa Gagne, Lori Harris, Gina Herosian '23, Brittany Lorgeree, Fr. Tim Mouton, Deb Norton, Paul Ricci, Rob Rodgers, Cheryl Schnitzer (Chair), Colin Spencer, Greg Wolfe

The meeting commenced at 9:00 a.m. and was chaired by Prof. Cheryl Schnitzer.

1. **Meeting Minutes**

The March 29 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

2. **The Farm Update**

In Laurie's absence, several updates were provided. The greenhouse and hoop house have been planted, and the fields are about 25% planted now. Laurie has a student and a seminarian lined up to work at The Farm this summer, but she is in need of more volunteers.

Cheryl noted that Black Earth Compost is trying to expand their business south of Boston and are looking for farm space. This could be a win/win partnership for them and The Farm.

Gina noted that the new restaurant Playa Bowls may be interested in utilizing The Farm for disposing of their abundant pre-consumer waste.

3. **Review of 21-Day Racial Equity Habit-Building Challenge**

Gina provided an overview of the Challenge (see slides on page 3). She emphasized that you get out of it what you put into it. Gina, Greg, Brittany, and Lee Damore held discussions each Friday throughout the Challenge, allowing them to further *learn, reflect, and act* based on the daily topics.

Unfortunately, few people participated this year. Stonehill has a DEI foundation and good intentions, but it has been a difficult year with unique priorities. Cheryl suggested that Gina, Greg, and Brittany approach their peers now about participating in next year's Challenge. It was noted that April is a very busy month for many at the College, but we could adapt the Challenge resources to a different time of year. It was decided that those interested, including Bruce, Colin, Cheryl, Rob, Greg, Brittany, Kim, and Lori, will meet beginning on September 12 from 8:45 to 9:15.

Resources for the Challenge are available year-round [here](#).

4. **Review of Stonehill's Climate Justice Teach-In**

Coordinated by Professors Eric LeFlore and Martha Hauff, this three-hour event (see schedule on page 4) was a combination of academic presentations, performances, and sustainable refreshments. Several attendees noted that it was a successful event, full of energy and enthusiasm, with a great turnout of students, faculty, and staff. It would be great to see this as a jumping off point, utilizing the event's momentum for additional programming. A special shout out to ESC members Cheryl Schnitzer, Greg Wolfe, Laurie Mooney, Brittany Lorgeree, and Rob Rogers for their participation as panelists/performers!

5. **Accomplishments and Plans for Next Year**

Cheryl discussed how our [Sustainability webpage](#) needs to be updated to show what has and is being done on campus. Visuals should be included to make it real and meaningful for those who visit the page, such as prospective students. As it is, people are unaware of our accomplishments. This will be an ESC goal for next year, with information included on academic research and energy and food system initiatives – both past and present. The site's sections will include Academics/Research (Rob), Climate Change & Energy (Jessa), Food Systems & Permaculture (Laurie), Buildings & Infrastructure (Craig), Student Activity/Campus Living (Gina), Waste & Recycling (Bob), and "Reuzzi" (Cheryl). Colin will discuss with our web developer, Ash.

6. **Student Group Projects Update**

Greg provided an update on the work being done by Professor Mooney's students. The Freshman Green Kits will have items from the same vendors as in the past. The students are working on the distribution of the Kits, which will take place during the First-Year Experience program.

A laundry cycle contest is being organized between Bogan Hall and Boland Hall, measuring the number of cycles used. The winning res. hall will receive a pizza party.

Students are working to increase textile recycling during this spring's move-out. Extra bins will be delivered, along with blue bags for the donated items, with the hope to reduce items being thrown into the waste stream. Cheryl suggested an end-of semester student survey be administered for feedback on these efforts.

7. **Sub-Committee Updates**

Strategic Planning – No update.

Waste Reduction - No update.

Choose2Reuse – Cheryl explained the process for earning climate champ badges. There will be a big push to get containers returned by the end of the semester; Lori offered to assist. Students are beginning to realize the advantages of the program. Greg noted that he just had to add 100 containers to the inventory.

Communications/Marketing - No update.

Real Food – Gina noted that she, Bridget Gill, and Laurie Mooney are working to revise Food Truth's focus to be more of a celebration of food. They have 13 students signed up to participate in Food Truth next year.

8. **Other Business**

Greg suggested that the ESC annually honor a Stonehill community member for their efforts toward sustainability. Craig suggested that Jill Goddard might be able to help us with marketing our green initiatives.

A final meeting in May will be scheduled shortly.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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Submitted by Deb Norton
Administrative Assistant

21-Day Racial Equity Challenge



Email Structure/Format

Day #

01 Learn

02 Reflect

03 Act

04 Extra Resources for Going Deeper (if time allows)

Reflection

- Day #16 The Storytelling Project
 - (1) Stock stories- stories told by dominant groups that are passed on through documents and celebrated through public rituals
 - (2) Concealed stories- coexist with stock stories, but fall into the shadows
 - (3) Resistance stories- stories that explain how "people have resisted racism, challenged the stock stories that support it, and fought for a more equal and inclusive social arrangements."
 - (4) Counter stories- new stories that are told to "challenge the stock stories, build on and amplify resistance stories, and offer ways to interrupt the status quo and work for change."
 - "Stories can also help us build a bridge between the sociological and abstract dimensions and the individually lived, and personal dimensions on which racism functions."
- Day #18
 - Examples of real-world current people
 - Secretary Deb Haaland (first Native American person to serve as a cabinet secretary and in congress)
- Many captivating short videos and podcasts
 - Video Example from Day #11:
<http://blackyouthproject.com/this-3-minute-video-sums-up-institutional-racism-in-the-united-states/>
 - Exact Resume...Different Names...Dante J. Williams vs. David J. Williams
 - Black sounding names were 50% less likely to be called back
 - \$700+ charge for purchasing cars
- Overall...you get out what you put in of this 21-day challenge

Want to explore the resources on your own time?

<https://fsnequitychallenge.foodsolutionsne.org/>



CLIMATE JUSTICE TEACH-IN - 20th APRIL 2022 - DRAFT Schedule

ESTIMATED TIME	MODERATORS	TOPIC/EVENT	PANELISTS/PERFORMERS	Topic/Performance Description
5:00		Welcome Message	Eric and Martha	
5:05		Opening Song	Prof. Corey Dolgon (Sociology)	<i>Garbage</i>
5:10	Abby Guilfoyle ('22)	Climate 101 and Our Daily Impact	Prof. Cheryl Schnitzer (Chemistry), Prof. Eric LeFlore (Environmental Science) and Greg Wolfe (Purchasing Department)	Review of the mechanisms of warming and sea level rise, and an assessment of our own carbon footprints here at Stonehill.
5:35	Abby Guilfoyle ('22)	Climate Change and Biodiversity	Prof. Martha Hauff (Bio.) and Prof. Nick Block (Bio)	Discussion of how C.C. impacts species distributions, timing cycles and ecosystem function, and why we should care about it.
6:00		Song	Girls from the Hill	<i>Turn the Beat</i>
6:05	Kaitlin Kornachuk ('22)	Avoiding Avoidance	Prof. Megan Mitchell (Philosophy) and Prof. Corey Dolgon (Sociology)	A discussion of why it can be so hard for us (as individuals and as a global community) to act on climate change, and how we can overcome inaction to make meaningful change.
6:30	Kaitlin Kornachuk ('22)	Climate Justice & Equity	Laurie Mooney, Bridget Gill ('22) and Prof. Mark Agana (Environmental Science)	An overview of the social injustice imposed by climate injustice, highlighting many of the ways in which climate change burdens are borne disproportionately across communities and around the world.
6:55		Song	Jim Bohn and Greg Wolfe	<i>Hard Times Come Again No More</i>
7:00	Leah Morgenstern ('23)	The intersection of faith and climate change	Prof. Chris Ives (Religious Studies) and Brittany Lorgeree (Campus Ministry)	A conversation on the role of faith communities in solving the climate crisis, and the ways in which global religions/faiths address care for the environment.
7:25		Hip-hop/Step Dance	RUCKUS	Climate Change Remix
7:30	Leah Morgenstern ('23)	Climate Solutions	Prof. Sue Mooney (Environmental Science), Prof. Rob Rodgers (Political Science), Prof. Mark Agana (Environmental Science) and Ken Barnett (Mechanical Engineer, Form Energy)	Articulating solutions from the local to the global level. What are achievable goals? What is the political landscape? What can we do at Stonehill to move the needle?
7:55		Closing Dance	RUCKUS	Dance Encore
8:00		Concluding Remarks and Raffle Prizes	Eric and Martha	



STONEHILL COLLEGE

Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

9 a.m.

Via Zoom

MINUTES

Attendees: Craig Binney, Bruce Boyer, Kim Cordeiro, John Duggan, Jessa Gagne, Lori Harris, Fr. Tim Mouton, Deb Norton, Rob Rodgers, Cheryl Schnitzer (Chair), Colin Spencer

The meeting commenced at 9:00 a.m. and was chaired by Prof. Cheryl Schnitzer.

1. Meeting Minutes

The April 26 meeting minutes were approved as amended.

2. Commencement Speaker John Judge '89

Craig noted the speech given by John Judge '89, President and CEO of the Trustees, the country's oldest land trust. His theme of sustainability was refreshing for the audience. Mr. Judge summarized by asking the graduates to always remember to: Find ways to unplug; Integrate ecological values in your career; and Use nature to nurture your mental health.

Discussion centered around helping to recruit eco-conscious professionals, e.g., John Judge, to Stonehill's Board of Trustees. Lori explained that the President's Advisory Council (PAC), whose members are all alums, would be a good starting place. PAC members tend to have the time, treasure, and talent to serve. PAC member recommendations should be sent to Tom Flynn. Ultimately, the Board of Fellows, made up of Stonehill faculty, students, and alumni, elect Board of Trustee members.

3. The Farm Update

It was noted that Laurie is frequently seen working in the fields at all times of the day.

4. Reuzzi

Cheryl discussed the success of the Reuzzi pilot program conducted during the spring semester. Other colleges, including Boston University, have shown interest in the program as theirs have not worked as well. The incentive that students will be reimbursed at the end of the year is not effective. Stonehill students are undergoing the mind-shift that the containers are Stonehill property and are to be checked out/in like a library book.

Fr. Tim directs the First-Year Experience program and would like to incorporate a Reuzzi training segment. It was suggested that a video be developed to teach the Reuzzi process in an entertaining way.

Cheryl noted that she will review data to see if the six container drop-off locations met student needs.

5. September's Racial Equity Habit-Building Challenge

This will be discussed at a later date.

6. **Sustainability Webpage**

There was discussion about having more images on the page. Colin described a grid stack layout. Cheryl asked that those contributing content (Rob, Jessa, Laurie, Craig, Gina, Bob, and Cheryl) send their drafts to Colin by June 14. The webpage content will be reviewed at the next ESC meeting, scheduled for July 12.

7. **ESC's Annual Sustainability Award**

All agreed that this is a great idea. Kevin Piskadlo is the point person for adding this to the annual Student Life Awards program. Cheryl suggested a rubric be created with criteria for winning the award. It was suggested that recipients include both a student and a staff/faculty member each year. The Green Fund can be used to fund a prize.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Next Meeting: July 12

Submitted by Deb Norton
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