



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.

Please remember to send information about all campus wide sustainability-related initiatives to Deb in order to be captured in the next Sustainability Report.

Submitted by Deb Norton
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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://fsneequitychallenge.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	