

**Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting**

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

9 a.m.

Via Zoom

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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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