



Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

9 a.m.

Via Zoom

MINUTES

Attendees: Craig Binney, Kristi Burkholder, Kim Cordeiro, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Jessa Gagne, Lori Harris, Gina Herosian, Brittany Lorgeree, Laurie Mooney, Fr. Tim Mouton, Deb Norton, Paul Ricci, 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 May 24 meeting minutes were approved as amended.

2. **The Farm Update**

Laurie noted that The Farm is having a good season. She is hoping to provide additional produce from neighboring farms for the mobile market at the Brockton Neighborhood Health Clinic. Food donations are being provided to the Easton Food Pantry and My Brother's Keeper, and Laurie is working with United Health Care's Family Resource Center.

The Farm has planted winter squash and pumpkins, and Laurie is hoping to hold a fall festival in late-September. Kristi suggested that this might be a good fit for Professor LeFlore's freshman Environmental majors. The Peer Mentoring group could also participate. It was suggested that The Farm be a part of the Activities Fair in August. Laurie will contact Student Engagement for scheduling.

3. **Reuzzi Update**

Cheryl, Craig, Greg, and Kathleen have been meeting regularly to discuss the pilot program and what should be done differently. The Choose2Reuse student-version app has been rebranded as Reuzzi, which is now in professional development.

The hope is to hire 2-3 students, paid through the Green Fund, to assist with the Reuzzi rollout during the lunch and dinner shifts for the first two weeks of the school year. Hiring recommendations included students from the Anchors Society, ENV majors, SGA members, and orientation leaders.

There was discussion on creating a Reuzzi video to be shown during the FYE program as well as for upper classmen. Cheryl has reached out to SGA President Stephen Cobbs for his interest. Professor Ron Leone, Digital Media Production Program Director, may have suggestions as well.

Greg noted that the Green2Go program was most successful when single-use containers were not available to students. He will reach out to Pauline to see if that can be done again.

4. **Sustainability Webpage Update**

- Academics/Research – Rob
- Climate Change & Energy – Jessa shared graphics on our sustainability goals including energy intensity, water usage, greenhouse gas emissions and recycling rate.

- Food Systems & Permaculture – Laurie provided a write-up on The Farm’s practices and goals. She will also include some visuals for the webpage.
- Buildings & Infrastructure – Craig will provide info on the energy efficiency projects within various buildings on campus. Colin suggested that this be brief with links for further information.
- Student Activity/Campus Living – Gina is focusing on student organizations on campus, such as Food Truth, and their initiatives. She will include email links and Instagram handles for students who want to get involved.
- Waste & Recycling – Paul will touch base with Bob on this. They have good data showing the College’s annual progression in this area. They may also highlight campus contests and the recycling efforts in the Dining Commons.
- Reuzzi – Cheryl will handle this program.

5. **September’s Racial Equity Habit-Building Challenge**

Brittany and Greg will collaborate on this for September. Challenge documents will be made available on SharePoint. During the Challenge, participants will meet briefly to discuss the topics each day (or week).

6. **Annual Sustainability Award**

The purpose of this initiative is to market the sustainability efforts on campus. Greg and Kristi will coordinate, in conjunction with the Environmental Department’s student award program, and work with Student Engagement to make this an annual Student Life Award. There could be an annual award for a staff/faculty member as well.

7. **Other Business**

- Kristi noted that Professor Sue Mooney has plans to reinvigorate the nature trails on campus with her class this year.
- Kristi discussed new efforts to create a Center for Sustainability on campus. The Environmental Department hopes to create an Environmental Engineering program as well as a Sustainable MBA program. With this expansion, the moment seems right for creating the Center, and Dean Fr. Kevin Spicer and Provost DeBrenna Agbényiga support the idea. Provost Agbényiga has asked Kristi to develop a white paper. If approved, the stakeholders would work together in order to tie together applicable academic programming, The Farm, sustainability efforts, natural spaces on campus, and Catholic identity.
- With input from Professors Sue Mooney and Maura Tyrrell, Lori has compiled a list of alumni with ties to sustainability and conservation. The purpose is to get more people involved in the President’s Advisory Council, for speaking engagements, and to serve as advisors.
- Greg noted that student volunteers are needed to assemble the Freshman Green Kits during the first week of August. Brittany suggested that the LIGHT community engagement students help with this.

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

Next Meeting: August 30

Submitted by Deb Norton
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