



Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 30, 2022

8:30 a.m.

via Zoom

MINUTES

Attendees: Craig Binney, Bruce Boyer, Kim Cordeiro, Lee Damore, John Duggan, Jessa Gagne, Katie Lloyd, Bob MacEachern, Laurie Mooney, Fr. Tim Mouton, Deb Norton, Paul Ricci, Cheryl Schnitzer (Chair), Greg Wolfe

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

1. Welcome to New Members

New members Lee Damore (Development) and Katie Lloyd (Res. Life) were introduced.

2. Meeting Minutes

The July 12 meeting minutes were approved as distributed.

3. Strategic Planning

Craig discussed the “Post-it Notes” exercise that the ESC did two years ago to help us form our subcommittees and create goals. The communications/marketing subcommittee has a lot of work to do to raise awareness on campus. Waste Reduction has worked on the Green2Go/Reuzzi initiatives, textile recycling, composting, and monitoring and tracking Stonehill’s trash and recycling. Real Food has worked hard to calculate “real food” offerings. Strategic Planning has been working to include sustainability in the academic curriculum and to reduce energy usage on campus.

Craig asked what our focus should be this year. Reuzzi is a great initiative to kick off the new year. Greg suggested that all ESC members create or support an initiative within their department or division, reporting back to the ESC at our September meeting. Cheryl added that we need to continue to infiltrate our community, and eventually become part of the College’s Five-Year Strategic Plan. The Sustainability website should help with these efforts, both on-campus and beyond.

There was discussion on helping to identify potential Trustee candidates who are environmentally focused, to help raise the level of awareness in our community. John will draft an email to Tom Flynn and Fr. Kevin Spicer (Chair of the Board of Fellows) requesting to present on *sustainability at Stonehill* at an upcoming Board of Fellows meeting.

4. Subcommittee Participation

Cheryl asked that the new ESC members choose a subcommittee.

Strategic Planning

In the past, Kristi has been our liaison for the GenEd Task Force, working to include sustainability in the academic curriculum. We need to stay focused on any GenEd revisions so that sustainability is included.

It was noted that Professor Mark Agana, Environmental Studies, will be taking Kristi’s place on the ESC.

Communication/Marketing

Greg and Deb will check in with Colin about the status of the website.

This group will continue to update the community on our sustainability initiatives.

Waste Reduction

Bob would like to look at the weight of waste per student over the last five years for a true measure of our reduction efforts.

Unfortunately, the abundance of Amazon package waste can't be controlled. Greg will work with Dunkin' to see if they can eliminate bags and receipts that often end up as litter across campus.

Dave Farnworth met with the Residence Assistants this summer to discuss waste and recycling efforts.

John suggested that an ESC member present on *sustainability at Stonehill* to his three Business 101 classes this fall – approximately 45% of the freshman class. Craig will put together a presentation. It was also suggested that a presentation be given to Advancement.

Real Food

The Food Truth group is changing how they measure our food offerings, and they need more student volunteers. Laurie is supporting Food Truth, which is working to become a club with a budget.

Sodexo's Mass Impact program seeks to get more *real food* to colleges. They meet with vendors regularly to work on the process as well as packaging.

Reuzzi

Reuzzi is off to a good start this year, with six student ambassadors paid through the Green fund. As of last night, there are 101 users and 162 used containers. Containers are being returned to the Dining Commons, The Hill, Shields Science Center, Sports Complex, and MacPháidín Library. It was suggested that reusable containers be available at the Holy Cross Center. Greg will speak with Kathleen about this idea.

A student-created Reuzzi how-to video will be shown to all First Year Experience students, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oq874BkijQo>. The communication subcommittee will work to get this video out to the rest of the Stonehill community.

5. **Sustainability Website Update**

- Reuzzi – Cheryl provided the how-to video to Colin.
- Climate Change & Energy – Jessa provided up-to-date data on Stonehill's 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.
- Buildings & Infrastructure – Craig provided information on the energy efficiency projects within various buildings on campus.

Further website information will be provided on:

- Academics/Research
- Student Activity/Campus Living
- Waste & Recycling

6. **Other Business**

- It was suggested that if you cannot attend an ESC meeting, please arrange to have someone attend in your absence.
- Cheryl asked that all printers have black & white as their default setting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Next Meeting: September 27