



# STONEHILL COLLEGE

## **Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting**

Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Via Teams

### **MINUTES**

Cheryl Schnitzer (Chair), Lee Damore, Josh Moniz ('26), Paul Ricci, Craig Binney, Bruce Boyer, Jessa Gagne (scribe), Emma Worster ('25), Caitlin Henderson ('26), Mya Carswell ('25), Fr. Tim Mouton, Katherine Walo, Justin Compton, Paul Gabbidon, Elise Dudley, Barbara Rose, Greg Wolfe

#### **1. Welcome**

#### **2. Approved April 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes**

#### **3. ENV Directed Studies Students:**

Mya Carswell (Reuzzi) - Working to integrate Reuzzi into at least 1 dining location by October.

Currently The Hill seems to be the best place to start. A walk-thru with interested parties will be scheduled (Mya, Cheryl, Paul, Greg).

Reuzzi is not being used at The Commons. Paul Gabbidon (Bon Appetit) believes using the containers is not a Bon Appetit policy, but rather part of the collective agreement with the college. Take away doesn't work with all you care to dine (in person) locations as it increases costs. It currently doesn't work with the college's dining app, and dining services staff wouldn't know where to place each part of the order in the different sections of the container. Also, touching/handling the containers has always been a concern. Bon Appetit is willing to work with Stonehill to find a solution. Everyone would like to see Reuzzi in place where possible.

Emma Worster (student sustainability leader) – Last year Ava, Cecelia and Emma were guest speakers in classes and spoke about the state of sustainability on campus and the different avenues for students to get involved. They would like to speak to more classes and groups this year. There are almost 30 people in the newly revived SEA. Their current plans are to participate

in the activities fair on Friday, get involved in First Year Seminars, make mini green kits to give away at events, and get more signatories of the sustainability pledge that began last year. The pledge is to reduce the use of single use plastics. They currently have over 250 signatures. They also plan to redesign and update the sustainability website.

Due to the success of last year's Earth Day events, they plan to expand the outreach during 2025's Earth Day. They plan to have more activities over the course of the week including a clean-up, sustainability pledge, and raffle for participation in the activities. They learned what worked/didn't work last year. They would also like to start to put together green move-out program. Emma has been a Casella Waste sustainability intern for past two summers and created a guide for customers. She created a system to reuse/recycle/recirculate furniture for Casella and wants to do same for SC. She is working to increase audits and revamp signage. The message and bins need to be more consistent. There are a few variations of sizes, colors and shapes throughout campus, which can cause confusion. She is working with Gianna ('2025) at The Farm to implement a 3-bin composting program, wants to create usable compost, and get a dorm composting program started. Compost-working with Gianna (senior) at farm to implement a 3-bin compost system, look like story blocks.

Students, rather than administrators, are far more effective at creating and delivering information and messaging for students. Creating student ambassador positions is already providing the impact that the ESC has been looking for.

Caitlin Henderson (Zero Waste) – Currently determining the college's current state and needs to develop goals. Wants to work with Dunkin and Starbucks regarding single use cups and getting the word out to the students about discounts. At Dunkin, customers are charged for the size lower than the one they order (a large drink for the price of a medium, a medium drink for the price of a small, etc.). She is also investigating composting in the dorms, developing a move-out program, and working with PLAN. Easton HS has a community service graduation requirement. They may be a resource for the move-out program.

Last year the student ambassadors received a grant from PLAN (earth day campus coalition) for a banner, stickers, and pins. A PLAN representative would like to interview them with regard to

the Earth Day events, which would be included in a report about student efforts. SEA has begun Earth Day planning, which includes plogging (picking up trash and jogging). They will collaborate with the SC run club, and plan to sponsor pumpkin painting at the Harvest Party to get people to The Farm.

#### **4. Membership List Update**

Craig is working on an updated membership list.

#### **5. Green Fund – 1 faculty/staff member, 1 student, 1 student alternate**

The Green Fund Committee includes staff members Lee Damour and Jessa Gagne, student member Josh Moniz, and alternative student member Emma Worster.

#### **6. Other Business**

Greg Wolfe replaced the Mail Services van with all electric cargo van. It would be nice to have a sticker/magnet to advertise this sustainability achievement.

#### **7. Upcoming Events**

#### **8. Future Meetings: Meehan 201 - 9AM-10AM**

Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> -

Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>



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## **Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting**

Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Meehan 201

### **Minutes**

Cheryl Schnitzer (Chair), Lee Damore, Josh Moniz ('26), Paul Ricci, Craig Binney, Jessa Gagne (scribe), Emma Worster ('25), Caitlin Henderson ('26), Paul Gabbidon, Greg Wolfe, Hayden Kane, Laurie Mooney, Rob Rodgers, Luis Carrion Garcia, Ava Sickler-Michaud, Aaron Morris CSC

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Approval of September 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes**
- 3. ENV Directed Studies Students:**

Emma Worster – Sustainability leader update: 3 bin composting is moving forward.

Ava Sickler Michaud – Created survey & signs about dorm composting and weekly. Starting with SEA members as “compost reps” in charge of bins and putting them outside once per week. The plan is to eventually have a compost rep in each dorm. Fifteen bins have been ordered. They will collect data and send out survey after the program begins to get feedback.

Emma Worster – Recycling revamp project: SEA is planning a recycling sign competition in November. Information regarding recycling needs to be clear and concise. The signs will be used as inspiration. The goal is to have signs up by the start of the next semester. They are currently auditing dorms to locate bins and signage.

Louis – If there is a lot of contamination, the recycling goes into the trash. One current problem is that no one breaks down boxes. Facilities (Charlie) makes multiple trips in and out of the building due to this, which isn't efficient. Some custodians are breaking the boxes down, while others are complacent and not doing so.

Greg – Would like to schedule a visit to Avon to see where the recycling goes and get feedback on contamination (Luis to follow up).

Deacon Aaron Morris – UND switched to a bagless system due to the bags contaminating the recycling and breaking equipment.

Emma – Students would need to be educated about what and how to recycle in order to move to bagless system. Part of the presentation to students shows the impact of contaminated recycling (mainly bags). Currently developing 2 posters to cover recycling – one for recycling in general, and another for cardboard/boxes. They would like to give the presentation to FYE students. Emma has talked to 3 regular classes and one large class with 130 students. Their focus will initially be on FYE and recycling, then move to academic areas.

Reuzzi –The conclusion from the walk-thru meeting was to implement Reuzzi at GIGIs next. The process will be to pilot Reuzzi for a short amount of time, collect data, and fully launch next semester. They want to work on implementing Reuzzi into the GET app. The current containers are too large, and the compartments don't work for the variety of meals ordered through the GET app.

The group will need to reevaluate the timeline based on when the grant funding is available. Purchases with grant funds cannot be made before the before funding is received.

Paul – The container size and configuration are not functional for food size and presentation. They are not able to be stored behind the counter. Dining Services will continue to work with students on a container and timeline.

Greg – A product that works within SC's serving structure needs to be identified. Container pickup in the dorms is not a feasible option. This initiative requires major buy-in from students. The first pilot will be introduced only at Gigi's. Return locations and charging for unreturned containers need to be evaluated. Many colleges give a specific time frame of around 2 weeks to return the container, then they are charged. If this is a student run project, it is unknown whether there can be an automatic charge.

Cheryl - Other Reuzzi campuses only have one or two return locations, while Stonehill has 8. UPENN has 5 return locations.

Paul – Food purchased at The Hill is predominantly purchased as take-out and eaten in the residence halls. Collection in the residence halls should be evaluated as this is where the containers will be taken to.

Emma - Ava & Caitlin are studying abroad during the spring semester. Succession planning is necessary to continue the programs. SEA members may be interested.

Greg/Cheryl – An additional 5 hour work study position can be created for succession planning, collecting containers, and working on this initiative.

Cheryl – Integration with the POS system is important for tracking and charging of the containers.

#### **4. Additional Business**

Farm update: Per Laurie there only a few harvests remain for this season. Farm Fridays will continue at least through October. Currently working on food recovery (composting). The pigs will remain at The Farm until mid-November.

#### **5. Upcoming Events**

10/10 9am: Reuzzi walk-thru – meet at Gigi's.

10/21: Students will give a presentation to SGA to establish SEA a full-time club.

Additional October events: SEA Harvest Party, movie night, and pumpkin painting.

#### **6. Future Meetings:**

Meetings are now in-person with the possibly of a MS TEAMS/Zoom option for observers only. For example, Elyse from Bon Appetit works in PA and is unable to attend in-person.

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Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

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# STONEHILL COLLEGE

## **Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting**

Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Donohue Irish Studies

### **Minutes**

Cheryl Schnitzer (Chair), Lee Damore, Josh Moniz ('26), Paul Ricci, Jessa Gagne (scribe), Emma Worster ('25), Caitlin Henderson ('26), Jeremy Weaver, Greg Wolfe, Luis Carrion Garcia, Maddie Loftin, Bruce Boyer, Jill Goddard, Katie Walo, Alex Uhl.

1. **Welcome**
2. **October 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting Minutes Approved**
3. **ENV Directed Studies Students:**

#### **EMMA**

**SGA** approved Students for Environmental Action (SEA) for full-time status.

SEA was awarded Club of the Month by the SGA in October.

Upcoming Events: Harvest Party & Sustainable Gift Making (see upcoming events below)

A sign design contest is being held to come up with ideas. Posters can be seen in the Lower Commons.

Working on a sustainability newsletter with Greg Wolf.

**Compost pilot program** was successfully deployed. There are currently 11 participants and 3 extra bins. The first check-in email to get feedback from participants was sent yesterday. Each dorm has a designated student leader. Participants put their compost bins outside on Mondays at 5PM. Emma is handling pick-up and drop-off. A composting structure with pallets will be set up after the pigs are gone.

**Material for recycling signs** is being investigated. Auditing campus to find locations of current signs.

**Pledge signatures** located and Pledge has been digitized.

**Food Waste:** The majority of food waste is students taking more than they can eat. Signage at the tray drop-off will be reposted.

**Succession planning** is being discussed – 2 students are away next semester.

#### **CAITLIN**

**Reuzzi:** Last year containers were tracked by scanning the QR code on the containers at the registers in The Commons, then returned at eight return locations. Current target is to implement Reuzzi at Gigi's in the spring semester. Students are being asked to rinse the containers before returning them. Want to use logos from supporting organizations such as the ESC, Bon Appetit, Res Life, and the SGA's food subcommittee (contact: Ian O'Connor) on fliers and other outreach materials. Potentially table at various student events on campus.

*VOTE: ESC members voted to approve the use of the ESC logo.*

Reuzzi video needs an update – suggestions included using Gigi's as the location, contacting professors (Visual Arts: Gary Stanton & Adam Lampton; Communication: Katie Elia-Shannon) for assistance.

Reuzzi development of deployment plan is ongoing. Reuzzi will be an opt-in program in the spring semester and required at Gigi's in the fall of 2025. Considering a rewards system – gamifying (ex: free cookie @ 300 Reuzzi points) or raffle (ex: tickets to campus events)

#### **4. Common Good Pantry – Deacon Aaron Morris (unavailable for 11/7 meeting)**

This item will be included in the next meeting's agenda

#### **Additional food discussions:**

Currently redesigning poster – Food For Change.

Currently there is a program where the MainSpring House is contacted by Bon Appetit when there is prepared/packaged excess food after events. Bon Appetit often doesn't know if there will be excess food until after events. SC also doesn't have data on whether these places need food, will take food, is set up to receive and distribute food from the College. Also difficult to know the needs of students with food insecurity.

#### **5. Other Business**

#### **6. Upcoming Events**

Harvest Party - October 18th 2PM @ The Farm

Sustainable Gift Making - November 22<sup>nd</sup> 12PM-3PM @ The Farm

Thrift for Change – December 3<sup>rd</sup> 10AM-1:30PM @ The Hill Lobby

**7. Future Meetings:**

**Meehan 201: 9am-10am, unless otherwise noted**

Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

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Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>



## STONEHILL COLLEGE

### **Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting**

Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Meehan 201

### **Attendees**

**Cheryl Schnitzer (Chair), Paul Ricci, Jessa Gagne (scribe), Emma Worster ('25), Caitlin Henderson ('26), Jeremy Weaver, Greg Wolfe, Luis Carrion Garcia, Maddie Loftin, Bruce Boyer, Katie Walo, Alex Uhl, Aaron Morris CSC, Rob Rodgers, Ava Sickler-Michaud ('27).**

### **Minutes**

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. January 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting Minutes Approved**
- 3. Reuzzi at Gigi's (volunteers needed)**

Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, Friday January 24<sup>th</sup>, & Monday January 27<sup>th</sup>

1 hour shifts: 11:30am-12:30pm, 12:30pm-1:30pm & 5pm-6pm

### **Sign-Up**

The new threshold for organic waste is ½ ton. Need to determine whether SC meets this. Currently the organic waste is not collected and composted at The Farm. There are several factors including training for new dining staff and the new dining plan for students. In the past Tim from Facilities collected the organic waste bins from Roche and delivered them to The Farm – there was discussion around restarting this but a process/procedure needs to be developed first.

The food can be composted or given to the pigs at The Farm. For reference, from April 16<sup>th</sup> through November 13<sup>th</sup> the pigs at The Farm consumed 19,000 pounds of organic

waste. In April they ate 60-70 pounds per day, and by November were eating 160-200 pounds per day.

**4. ENV Studends**

**5. End of Year Move-Out**

**6. Sustainability marketing/outreach for the start of the 25/26 academic year - especially to new students**

**7. Other Business**

**8. Upcoming Events**

**9. Future Meetings:**

**Meehan 201: 9am-10am, unless otherwise noted**

Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

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**10. ENV Directed Studies Students:**

EMMA

Composting – Pilot worked well – 12 participants, 15 compost bins available. Volunteers collected the containers weekly; however, many students opted to bring their bins directly to the farm themselves. Emma gave all the bins a deep clean.

Working on mockup of recycling signs. The intent is to have the same sign on all recycling bins on campus. The primary goal is to reduce recycling contamination. Sign could include a QR code for more information (<https://recyclesmartma.org/smart-recycling-guide/> or <https://www.recyclepedia.org/>)

There was discussion regarding whether the College creates enough organic waste to qualify for the waste ban. The College had previously estimated that the organic waste was below the threshold. It was suggested that the College revisit this to ensure that it continues to be below the threshold.

Held a meeting with IT as part of Laurie Mooney's class – discussed 'green' search engine options like Ecosia, whose ads and profit go towards sustainability. Ecosia is currently marketing to colleges. IT is testing out the Ecosia browser as well.

## **CAITLIN**

Emma – ongoing succession planning.

Advertising Reuzzi throughout campus via posters.

Each building has an admin that controls the TVs for the building. Interns can go through them to have information posted on the TVs throughout the campus.

Rewards/Incentives for participation in Reuzzi - Food has not been a useful reward in the past.

Also students feel that they have enough dining hall swipes already.

Interns want to show First Year Seminar classes the Reuzzi video in the fall. There is an Honors First Year Seminar next semester as well.

Jeremy Weaver/Dining Services & Greg Wolf/Purchasing - Have been testing compostable and reusable containers. They found a product that holds product well, which also allows the food to be plated in the same way as with the dining hall plates. Yesterday there were 788 transactions at Gigi's alone.

Testing at Gigi's – Monday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 1pm – 6 volunteers will download the app and test utilizing Reuzzi.

Jeremy & Caitlin will meet tomorrow to determine the location (December 5<sup>th</sup> 1pm at Gigi's).

## **11. Spring Semester ESC Chair**

Cheryl is on sabbatical next semester; however, will continue to have directed studies with students. Will reach out to Rob Rodgers and Laurie Mooney to act as co-chairs next semester.

## **12. Move Out-Emma/Thrift for Change-Alex**

**Thrift for Change** - Raised \$400 in 3 hours. The money goes towards increasing access to more sustainable period products on campus. Access to these products is available through the Common Goods Pantry.

**Move Out** – Need a volunteer from Res Life to manage this initiative, a timeline and volunteers. First will be a “box building party” 2 weeks before the end of finals. Stickers will be used to label the boxes.

This year food will need to be at a single location – last year there were more than 50 locations.

### **13. Succession Planning**

**Emma** – move out this year, intent is to make a guide for people to follow moving forward

### **14. Common Good Pantry – Aaron Morris**

With the shift to all you-care-to-dine meal plans the use of Common Goods Pantry has declined. Most of the food is designed for single use, but they are considering providing bulk items like flour in the future. A survey will be used to determine what students take, what they need, and what can they do (volunteer/donate time).

### **15. Other Business**

Winter Recess: upcoming meeting to determine logistics for adjusting thermostats to 60F, closing & locking all windows & storm windows, move furniture away from heaters, closing heavy blinds, etc.

### **16. Upcoming Events**

Reuzzi Testing at Gigi's – Monday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 1pm

### **17. Future Meetings:**

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Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>



## STONEHILL COLLEGE

### **Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting**

Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>

9:00 a.m.

Meehan 201

### **Attendees**

Laurie Mooney (Chair), Jessa Gagne (scribe), Paul Ricci, Luis Carrion Garcia, Maddie Loftin, Fr Tim Mouton CSC, Josh Moniz, Bruce Boyer, Craig Binney, Emma Worster ('25), Greg Wolfe

### **Minutes**

1. **Welcome**
2. **December 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting Minutes Approved**
3. **ENV Directed Studies Students:**

#### **EMMA**

**Composting:** the new threshold for organic waste is ½ ton. The pallets used for the pig enclosure can be used to form compost bins at The Farm. Having composting bins will allow for increased organization and the ability to turn the compost over more efficiently. Emma has gone on trash runs with Tim and seen the volume and mix of compost. The dorm compost bin program will start up again shortly. This program collects mainly fruit and vegetable scraps from residence halls.

**Group discussion:** Need to determine whether SC meets this. Currently, the organic waste is not collected and composted at The Farm. There are several factors including training for new dining staff and the new dining plan for students. In the past Tim from Facilities collected the organic waste bins from Roche and delivered them to The Farm – there was discussion around restarting this, but a process/procedure needs to be developed first. The food can be composted or given to the pigs at The Farm. For reference, from April 16<sup>th</sup> through November 13<sup>th</sup> the pigs at The Farm consumed 19,000

pounds of organic waste. In April they ate 60-70 pounds per day, and by November were eating 160-200 pounds per day.

**Signage:** it is important to have a clear message on recycling and trash bins. Signs are both necessary and essential. SEA helped with the sign design (attached to minutes). The cost for 300 vinyl signs with adhesive is approximately \$2,000. The Green Fund can be used to cover this cost. The signs need to be sent to Marketing to check the fonts, colors, etc. and get approval.

#### **4. Reuzzi at Gigi's (volunteers needed)**

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QR codes were replaced in the residence halls and at Gigi's. The goal is to make it easier to use reusable containers and to make them the standard at Gigi's. 300 containers are circulating

#### **5. End of Year Move-Out**

It is essential to have more support from both the students, ESC and other groups. RHA is the logical choice to organize this initiative. The ESC has the boxes already (purchased last year). Maddie will work with Res Life and RHA to find a point person for this initiative.

Greg will reach out to Alex Uhl to determine what can be collected and donated to Thrift for Change.

Finding outside organizations to participate and collect donations would be helpful. Easton Food Pantry will come to SC to pick up the donations, but they must be in one place.

#### **6. Sustainability marketing/outreach for the start of the 25/26 academic year - especially to new students**

Need planned marketing for sustainability initiatives and outreach. Individual students continue to advance sustainability initiatives; however, movement through the student body and campus has not been achieved.

#### **7. Other Business**

**Green Kits:** Need to determine what we need students to know regarding sustainability on campus. The items used in the Green Kits are not as important as the messaging. Going to The

Farm is very successful in providing sustainability information to students; however, this cannot be done consistently throughout the year due to staff and timing issues.

**8. Future Meetings:**

**Meehan 201: 9am-10am, unless otherwise noted**

Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>



# STONEHILL COLLEGE

## **Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting**

Wednesday February 26th, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Meehan 201

### **ATTENDEES**

Rob Rodgers (Chair), Jessa Gagne (scribe), Aaron Morris CSC, Avery Holzworth ('25), Bruce Boyer, Craig Binney, Emma Worster ('25), Greg Wolfe, Hayden Kane ('25), Nick Bazirgan ('28), Lorena Carranza ('25), Katie Walo, Lee Ann Damore, Luis Carrion Garcia, Paul Ricci.

### **MINUTES**

#### **1. Approval of January 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting Minutes**

#### **2. ENV Directed Studies Students:**

##### **Emma Worster**

Succession planning underway – meeting with potential candidates and sharing accumulated notes.

Earth day planning underway.

Recycling Signs – approved

**Greg** – Move-Out planning – Suggests having a party to assemble a couple hundred boxes and using campus ministry vans for distribution to each dorm. Suggest getting a contact in each building to bring the boxes inside (especially in the Courts). The day after graduation, 5 volunteers can drive around and collect the items. Bring textiles to the textile recycling bin (Boland), bring kitchen plates/cutlery to the Roche Dining loading dock, and bring food to one location for Easton's Food Pantry to pick up. Also working closely with Thrift for Change is necessary.

Large items are challenging due to storage and condition issues. Electronics are also difficult because even if they worked prior to move-out they might not work after moving, storing, and moving them a 2<sup>nd</sup> time. If they are not donated, Facilities must dispose of them as hazardous materials.

**Emma** – Thrift for Change, which is run by Alex and one of her classes, collects and sells them items. Storage may be an issue for this. Thrift for Change takes anything except textiles, books, stuffies and food.

**Aaron** – Suggestion to contact Salvation Army. Bring all items to Salvation Army and get a credit to use at the end of the summer, and avoid needing to store/distribute.

**Move-Out Goal** – keep reusable/unused items out of the waste stream.

**#1 issue** – Distribution, who will take what, how to store, how to deliver/get off campus.

**Emma** – Created a Move-Out guide. Also, Post Landfill Action Network has useful information on move-out.

**Enactus** (former student group) - Used to gather and store 100's of refrigerators, shelving, and other items. They would set up in front of Boland during Move-In to sell the items, then donate the money.

**My Brother's Keeper** – Has a warehouse – perhaps we could “trade” items for storage space. We give them XX TVs or other items for them to sell, and SC could use some of their storage space until the Fall.

**Nick Barzigan & Lorena Carranza** – Will make a formal working group for Move-Out. Potentially assign this to a specific class year once organized.

**Kylie Swider** – Reuzzi (unavailable, update by others). Kylis has done a lot of work and outreach for this initiative, but results have been slow.

**Greg** – Reuzzi is currently only at Gigis. Bon Appetit is trying out new containers. There are 300 total containers – 10 to 15 are used each day. The expectation is that at least 10% of the orders would use Reuzzi each day (300 containers/day). Current issues: we need students to use the system and the system needs to be part of dining operations.

**Emma** – Outreach has included fliers sent out by SEA and posting to SC's sustainability social media (Instagram).

**Avery** – SGA will reshare posts if they are tagged. There is also a marketing rep in SGA who can help make graphics.

**Reuzzi issues** – No incentive to use Reuzzi. Can't make Reuzzi voluntary because the containers don't get returned. Once students become accustomed to using them, it will be easier.

### **3. Recycling Signs - attached**

**4. Break Free From Plastic Pledge** – Emma produced a lot of great information. Changing from plastic to cans in vending machines is unlikely – Coke and other vendors won't switch. Gigi's also uses individually wrapped plastic forks and knives.

**5. Composting**

**Emma** – Dorm composting is ongoing (15 students) and is added to pile by the pigs weekly. Beginning on Monday, compost will be weighed, then taken from The Commons by custodial staff. Luis to provide an update at the next meeting.

**6. Future Meetings:**

**Meehan 201: 9am-10am, unless otherwise noted**

Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> - scribe will be Katie Walo

Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>



# STONEHILL COLLEGE

## **Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting**

Thursday, March 20th, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Meehan 201

### **Minutes**

#### **1. Welcome**

#### **2. Approval of February 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes**

- Craig motioned to approve prior minutes, Jeremy seconded, unanimous approval
- Attended: Laurie, Katie, Greg, Luis, Bruce, Paul, Maddie, Jeremy, Mya, Emma, Craig

#### **3. ENV Directed Studies Students:**

Emma Worster – Leader

- Greg has printed and laminated recycling signs; wants SGA to have a day to put all those up. Will get command strips to hang them up.
- No real update on composting, but are still composting
- Earth Day: Tuesday April 22, 11am-3pm outside Shields, groups will be tabling, Laurie's class (Food Justice) will communicate about food justice and lead a clean-up at 3pm. Will ask facilities for some trash pickers and gloves for this. Asking Bon Appetit to align with the dietician for tabling as well. Green move-out table, seed paper affirmations, Thrift for Change. Emma encourages everything to have a table
- Break Free from Plastic: kickoff meeting in MT 221 10am March 25. Craig will send the invite out to the committee.

#### **4. Work Study Position Funding**

- Environmental Action club: Mya is filling that role in place of Emma as she is graduating
- Need a new faculty advisor for SEA with Laurie leaving
- No work study funds for these positions – lack of someone to oversee a work study and limited funds limits that option.

- Emma is willing to help someone create a directed study to help with campus initiatives – faculty members would need to oversee the directed studies
- Emma created a student sustainability flyer: <https://forms.office.com/r/4NvXzxiBJZ>. She will edit it to remove info about work study options.

## 5. Composting and Food Waste

- Started weighing daily of pre-consumer kitchen waste in the Commons – averaging about 100lbs a day of organic waste, 1200lbs so far for March.
- Students would like to see how to responsibly handle our post-consumer waste – could be something a student could focus on
- Laurie would like to take the pallets from the pigpen area and build a 3-bay system for composting.
- Potentially put out a small black compost bin near the Courts maybe near the pollinator garden for the soil to be used there. Could have a keypad to lock it for only students who sign up to compost to use to limit trash.
- Food recovery – can we bring leftover food to Father Bill's for less food waste. Laurie's Food Justice class and maybe Common Goods can help to gather the food and get it to FB. Laurie will follow up with Jeremy and Josh to move that along.

## 6. Move-Out

- Maddie: RHA is on board to help, but we need to send them concrete things for them to help with. First year class has volunteered to take this on as a project and Greg has chatted with FY SGA president Nick
- Recommendations: the more people the better; trucks to help move; lots of food, cutlery, clothing will get collected. Most effective is to have groups collect directly from the res halls and bring to the correct areas.
- Donations don't work quite well with My Brother's Keeper based on their requirements (very lightly used, modern, etc.). Is there another organization we could partner with?

## 7. Other Business

- **Food Solutions New England (FSNE)** – 21-day racial equity challenge related to food. April 7-27

- Laurie is leaving her position May 30 to begin her PhD. Farm: she will cover crop the site for low maintenance for facilities after she leaves. She'll work with facilities for all the access and vehicles. Will still have Farm Fridays through the end of the semester.

**8. Upcoming Events**

**9. Future Meetings:**

**Meehan 201: 9am-10am, unless otherwise noted**

Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

March 20<sup>th</sup>:

Chair: Laurie Mooney

Scribe: Katie Walo

Green - Accepted meeting

0 – Declined Meeting

Put a 1 in the box beside the names of those who are present, then the total present at the bottom will update.

Craig Binney	Operations	1	Luis Carrion Garcia	Facilities	1
Devin Mahon	Student '26		Maddie Loftin	Res Life	1
Emma Arca	Student '27		Mazy Karuzis	Student '26	
Emma Worster	Student '25	1	Meghan Sambrook	Student '25	
Gregory Wolfe	Purchasing	1	Nick Bazirgan	Student '28	
Hayden Kane	Student '25	0	Paul Ricci	Facilities	1
Jeremy Weaver	Bon Appetit	1	Rob Rodgers	Poli Sci & Int Studies	
Jessa Gagne	Operations	0	Tim Mouton CSC	Student Affairs	
Jill Goddard	Com & Media Rel		Mya C.		1
	<b>TOTAL PRESENT</b>	<b>11</b>			
avery - EVP					
Iorena - 28 diversity rep					
nick - 28 class president					



# STONEHILL COLLEGE

## **Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting**

Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

9:00 a.m.

Meehan 201

### **MINUTES**

#### **1. Approval of March 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes**

#### **2. Greg Wolf honored with ESC Sustainability Award**

#### **3. ENV Directed Studies Students**

- *Emma Worster – Leader (graduating)* Thank you, Emma!
- Succession planning next year's student sustainability leadership team: Caitlin Henderson and Lia Numerosi are interested
- SEA next academic year: Maya Carswell President; Caitlin Henderson VP. A new faculty advisor is needed.
- *Kylie Swider – Reuzzi marketing* (Took over when Caitlin went abroad)

#### **4. Reuzzi**

- 423 containers used by 65 users since January, with weekly growth.
- Some support in moving toward 100% reusables at Gigi's with some logistical adjustments.
- Post-commencement, a focus group (Jeremy Weaver, Katie Walo, Cheryl Schnitzer, Maddie Loftin) will evaluate Gigi's program and continue work into fall.

#### **5. Earth Day**

- Multiple student groups participated, with high enthusiasm.
- Activities included tabling, pledge signing, and a campus clean-up with 30–40 participants.

#### **6. Move-Out**

- ESC handed off leadership to RHA/SGA and Res Life.
- Bins placed in residence halls; vans used for distribution and collection.

#### **7. Future Meetings and Other Business**

- No meetings through the summer. Meetings restart in September.
- The Free Little Library was unveiled outside of Duffy – it was constructed from materials already on campus. There are currently 8 in Easton.