

### **Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting**

Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 12:30 pm

## **ATTENDEES**

Cheryl Schnitzer (Chair), Jessa Gagne (scribe), Bruce Boyer, Caitlin Henderson ('26), Craig Binney, Eric Newnum, Jeremy Weaver, Katie Walo, Lee Ann Damore, Luis Carrion Garcia, Mark Sabina, Paul Ricci

# **MINUTES**

- 1. September 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes approved with edits
- 2. Membership

Craig will reach out to department heads

3. Green Fund – 1 faculty/staff member, 1 student, 1 student alternate

Volunteers: Lee Ann Damore, Caitlin Henderson, Lia Numerosi (student alternate)

4. ENV Directed Studies Students - Caitlin Henderson & Lia Numerosi

Break Free From Plastic taskforce is being assembled, Caitlin will send out meeting times later today.

Caitlin & Lia are giving presentations at FYE classes. Students will download the Reuzzi app during the presentations. Reuzzi signs need to be updated – some still advertise free candy or a raffle.

Reuzzi at Gigi's discussion: Requiring Reuzzi at Gigi's would require enough containers for 3 days to be on hand (~760 swipes/day, 2,280 containers). Collection bins currently collected weekly would need to be collected daily. 2-3 collection bins would be needed at each entrance to Meehan, with trash bins beside them. Students can swipe into Roche just to return the container to the tray line at any time due to unlimited swipes at Roche. Student volunteers would be needed to help peers download and navigate the Reuzzi. Stored containers need to be scanned to determine current stock of containers – to be scheduled from 3-5pm (downtime at Roche).

# 5. Upcoming Events

SEA's first meeting of the semester is later today

6. Future Meetings: 12:30pm-1:30pm, Meehan 201

Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>
Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>
Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>
Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>
Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>
Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> \*need substitute scribe\*
Thursday, Apr 16<sup>th</sup>



## **Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting**

Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 12:30 pm

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Cheryl Schnitzer (Chair), Jessa Gagne (scribe), Bruce Boyer, Caitlin Henderson ('26), Lia Numerosi ('28), Craig Binney, Eric Newnum, Lee Ann Damore, Luis Carrion Garcia, Paul Ricci, Maddie Loftin, Liam Dacko, Fr Aaron Morris CSC, Abigail Mulligan.

### **MINUTES**

# 1. September 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes approved with edits

### 2. ENV Directed Studies Students - Caitlin Henderson & Lia Numerosi

3. **Reuzzi**: Planning monthly raffle – 1 raffle entry per Reuzzi return. Prizes would include Stonehill merch, Dunkin' reusable cups, reusable bamboo utensils, and tote bags. Final Reuzzi signs created – need to post at Gigi's. All return bins moved to Meehan for simplicity. Bins picked up on Mondays and Thursdays. New signs and volunteers are needed to help educate students in line at Gigi's.

**Composting**: currently 7 dorm participants. Unsure where compost pile is located at The Farm. Fr Aaron to **Dunkin Meeting (BFFP)**: Reusable cups are possible but must be Dunkin brand. Ideally default would be a sip lid with no straw. Other straw options are agave or biodegradable.

**Trash Liners (BFFP):** Investigating more sustainable options. Biodegradable trash bags: \$5 more per case, biodegrade in 4 years, using in NDL and Boland as a test. Compostable bags are 2-3 times more than standard bags. Current cost \$0.032/bag. Recycled plastic bags are \$0.35/bag. Recycled plastic, although not biodegradable, takes plastic out of landfills.

**Utensil Dispensers (BFFP):** Individually wrapped plastic utensils are being used at Gigi's, Lux, Ace's Place and The Hill. The plastic wrapping cannot be recycled. Switching to utensil dispensers can save 60% or more on plastic wrap waste.

Next Steps: Website update and Green Fund for Reuzzi Raffle.

#### 4. Move Out

The freshman representative(Nick Bazirgan) of the Res Hall Association led last year's move-out. Jessa to contact Nick for feedback.

# 5. Thrift for Change/Green Period Project

Alex Uhl on leave this semester. Caitlin (SEA VP) worked on this project last year. Fr Aaron to make contact.

# 6. Car Charging Stations

SC working with an outside vendor (Blue Planet) and electric utility (NGRID) to update existing stations and add more. No upfront cost to SC – cost of chargers will be paid for via user fees (ex \$50/month subscription). Stations must be open to the public and will have a 20 minute charge time. Current plan is to have 17 dual charging stations (34 chargers) as follows: Welcome Center-2, MacPhaidin-3, SBA-2, Boland-2, and Lot 17-8.

#### 7. Other Business

**Cave condition**: an important site owned by HC, relatively clean before graduation. Facilities recently spent 3 hours cleaning it up. Debris included many broken bottles. Abigail and Fr Aaron to contact the Archives and HCC for historical information.

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# **Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting**

Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 12:30 pm

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Cheryl Schnitzer (Chair), Jessa Gagne (scribe), Caitlin Henderson ('26), Lia Numerosi ('28), Bruce Boyer, Eric Newnum, Lee Ann Damore, Luis Carrion Garcia, Paul Ricci, Maddie Loftin, Abigail Mulligan, Barbara Rose, Jeremy Weaver.

#### **MINUTES**

- 1. October 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes approved with edits
- 2. ENV Directed Studies Students Caitlin Henderson & Lia Numerosi
- 3. **Reuzzi**: Discussion of ways to increase usage ex: 1 swipe for Reuzzi & 2 swipes for a disposable container. There are 750 swipes per day at Gigi's. Discussion regarding logistical challenges –storage space and safety, drying time, and return bins. The 6 return bins in Meehan can hold 25-30 containers each and are picked up twice each week. Discussion of container appearance issues that may affect usage orientation of food within the containers and overall color of the container.

Student volunteers are being trained to encourage usage and help downloading/configuring the app. **Composting**: signage will be sent to BAP/Dining Services; Farm Director position may be filled next semester considering putting composting at The Farm until then.

**Next Steps**: Website update and Green Fund for Reuzzi Raffle. ESC meeting minutes will be added to the website.

# 4. Move Out - feedback from student organizer - discussion to continue at next meeting

It was a great project, but definitely a lot of work. The dining hall staff were extremely grateful for the return of the dining ware items, and that was a relatively easy drop-off process. The food collection brought some challenges because we ended up getting lots of perishable items and individual items that were not appropriate for the food bank. So, I would definitely be specific with advertisement on what is being collected. In terms of textiles collection there were just a lot of items, which required several trips to the textiles bin. The boxes we had were wide, and not very tall, if possible, I would recommend the opposite, boxes for collection that are taller rather than wide.

### 5. Other Business

**Alumna invention**: Deirdre Horan ('14) founded Dri, which makes umbrellas from 100% OceanCycle certified ocean and ocean-bound plastic. Advancement worked with Horan to have Dri Umbrellas available at the Welcome Center for tours.

https://www.stonehill.edu/alumni-magazine/insights/staying-dri/

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