

Sustainability Council Meeting
Minutes

February 15, 2013

Members Present: 20

The minutes of the January 18, 2013 meeting minutes were acknowledged as satisfactory.

On Joe Zaborowski's invitation, Mark Walenz from the Element Hotel at Midtown Crossing spoke about the sustainability aspects of this hotel and the chain (Starwood) that it is a part of. The hotel and chain incorporate sustainability throughout operations, including purchasing, suppliers, energy/water conservation, waste minimization, and enhanced indoor air quality. Creighton does have a preferred rate with the Element.

Mary Duda updated the group on several items:

- Creighton was selected by Keep America Beautiful to participate in a pilot Move-Out Project with Goodwill. More details to follow from KAB.
- Recyclemania continues.
- The Pepsi DreamMachine has been installed in Hixson-Lied and will be operational shortly. Additionally, Pepsi has provided several dozen recycling bins that will be placed across campus.

The progress of work on the Climate Action Plan was discussed. Included in the conversation:

- The Climate Action Plan is now 90% complete. A meeting was held to determine which departments or groups would be key for the various strategies and what support they would need.
- The final plan needs to be submitted in early May, 2013. The time extension for submitting the completed plan was granted.

Ryan Cameron, executive director at the Center for Academic Technology at DoIT, presented the badging project his department is working on. It is part of the Mozilla Open Badge Project and is a mechanism to track and monitor training activities for non-credit classes and activities. The infrastructure is built. There are many opportunities for the Sustainability Council to get involved; activities need to be developed that would allow participants to receive a badge. The activity should have meaning and require some effort. A scavenger hunt is a possibility, or a tour of sustainable areas of campus, green buildings, tree tour, etc.

Jessica Sheldon reported on the activities of the GreenJays – they are working on Earth Day celebrations in conjunction with Campus Ministry, the bike repair shop, and a pizza-and-letter-writing campaign in Skutt next week.

Discussion turned to Sodexo and how sustainable they are. There was no representative from Sodexo at the meeting; Mary Duda will contact Mike Fleming to come to the next meeting.

Please note new location - next meeting will be March 15, 2013 at 2:00 pm in Skutt Student Center 105.