Sustainability Council minutes, February 17, 2017

Attendance: recorded at 16

- CSU Recycling discussion: Natalie Halber from CSU
  - Concentrate on Kenefick, Heider, Skutt, and Harper. According to Facilities, these have the most issues and small changes would have big impacts in these areas. Recycling has been suspended in Heider and Kenefick in the past due to contamination.
  - Harper: different colors, one in each classroom.
  - Goals: Uniformity across campus; open top bins, better signage
  - Meeting with Facilities next week
  - Ideas: where to get funding, commercials filmed in
  - March: talk to various groups to get support, information. April: buy new bins. May: Implementation.

- A concern from a coworker; There is in essence no way effective way to use the retirement match and also avoid investments in fossil fuels without the committee that determines which funds are available for employees to select from changing the options. Principal does have funds without fossil fuel investments but none of them are available to us currently.
  - The Principal says few people ask about socially responsible funds.
  - Creighton’s one “Socially Responsible” fund includes 11.64% fossil fuels, according to fossilfreefunds.org NBSLX
  - This is a part of our mission identity and we should pursue it. Just want one fund that has no fossil fuels for faculty/staff retirement.
  - Should advertise the socially responsible fund more. This would hopefully have the effect of more people investing in it and showing that there is an interest in such funds.

- Canon printer updates. Canon had come to present to the Council in the spring of 2016 to discuss their sustainability initiatives and how the campus community could help. They have been on campus since July 216 and have some updates (shared with permission from Don Martin, senior manager – operations).
  - Completed so far:
    - Sustainability pop up enabled on all department "fleet" providing a simple rule suggesting jobs over 200 pages of the opportunity to send these to the print center for cost savings and reducing departmental environment impact. Reporting will able to provide details on which users and or departments may be printing in a non sustainable manner.
      - Comments: There’s a week or two lag time at the print shop. Other schools have 24 hours and a shorter time would encourage people to use that service.
    - All student print and departmental devices are defaulted double sided and black and white.
    - Sustainability reporting is provided quarterly to Creighton University identifying purged jobs not printed, double sided and B/W / color usage. One graph from this quarter’s report showed that we have saved over 2 million sheets of paper.
      - Comment: Need overall number of images, as opposed to paper, compared to paper saved.
Future considerations:

- A "did you know campaign" is currently in development to market sustainability initiatives. A did you know banner will be placed on devices making end user aware that when they print either double sided or b/w how this saves the environment. Additional considerations will suggest if printing is required and promote scanning as an alternative to again show how this improves sustainability. ETA summer 2017
  - This sounds great. How to print and when to print would be great.
- Offer Creighton University a document management solution / workflow. This was formerly introduced prior to the transition roll out as a next step which will positively impact sustainability initiatives for the University. ETA to be determined
  - This is helpful because old habits die hard.
- Faculty or student owned locally attached output devices are being used in the Creighton print environment which impacts sustainability in a number of ways "cost, electricity, DOIT support, carbon neutrality". Next steps include identifying the number of devices, location and impact to the University. Creighton and Canon have discussed an additional campus wide assessment to identify these local devices. ETA to be determined
  - All med students have identical laptops so all items were emailed; students still printed, and more paper and money than if the school had done it themselves.
  - Behavioral component involved in this. Monitoring and a conversation would be good but it needs to be handled carefully.
  - How will they find these devices? What will they do when they find it? May not be worth pursuing.
  - Need to trend output and reward and celebrate good work.
- Provide non Canon network output device reporting identifying output data and departmental location. May 2017
- Students sometimes have to print a lot of paper, or print a paper and bring it in as well as email it.
- Free $20 is an incentive to use on-campus printers. One student didn’t bring her printer to school this year because she now has on-campus printing.

- President’s Advisory Committee Updates (PACS) update: no update
- IRHG: no update
- SCSJ: no update
- Jays Dig Deep: no updates
- Sodexo: no updates
- GreenJays: no updates

Upcoming events:

- Next meeting is March 17 @ 2pm in Eppley 119