

Sustainability Council minutes, March 27, 2015

Attendance: recorded at 12

- We may want to send a note to Fr. Schlegel; he signed the ACUPCC in 2010.
- Discussion of mission statement for the committee. Proposed Mission, Goal Statements and Accomplishments attached hereto.
- Possibility of working with Verdis Group: behavior change in the residence halls. Work with Energy Technology students who are planning an energy challenge between the residence halls. Is this something the Council supports? (Can discuss more at next meeting if you'd rather) The General support; however, the Committee would like to know more about the Verdis Group.

Announcements:

- CSA signups are going on now. Once again, Creighton will be participating in Wenninghoff's Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) program. Jody Caudillo will be coordinating the pickups this year, and they will again be delivered to the Linn Building on 20th Street. The sign-up sheet can be found here: <http://www.wenninghoff.com/wp-content/uploads/2015-CSA-Membership-Form.pdf>. Simply put on the form that you will be picking up at Creighton.
- Ignatian Garden signups: The garden, located on the west side of North 18th Street between Burt and Cuming streets, contains 24 six foot by twelve foot raised beds in a secure lot. Individual plots can be leased for the 2015 season, April 5 to Oct. 31, for \$30. For information and to be entered into the lottery for your own plot, contact Ignatian Garden coordinator John Schwede (johenschwede@creighton.edu, 402.510.2271) by 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 29. If you are a returning gardener from 2014, please contact Schwede by March 27 to renew.
- Reminder about AASHE membership; email will be sent out next week
 - Individual member accounts
 - Professional development
 - Online resources
 - Discussion forums
- St. Francis Day celebration
 - October 5, 2015
 - Mass, lunch, awards
 - There will be a slide show (silent) during lunch. Send any pictures or informational slides you would like to include to Mary Duda or Kelly Tadeo Orbik.
 - Next planning meeting: April 30 at 2 pm at CCSJ
- Recyclemania update
 - Official Dates: February 1-March 28
 - Currently:
 - 3.96 lbs/person overall.
 - 0.8 lbs/person cardboard

- 0.6 lbs/person paper
- Half of what we've done in previous years

From others:

- Composting/Recycling update ?
- Update on trip to Loyola Chicago
 - Large group of faculty, staff, students, and Jesuits
 - Urban agriculture, aquaponics
 - Divestment
 - Curriculum
 - Other collaboration
- Request to Provost to write letter encouraging the Chair and a Ranking Member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education to fund the University Sustainability Program (USP) at the level of \$20 million for fiscal 2016. The letter also requests recognizing USP as an invitational priority in the Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education (FIPSE).
- Earth Week Plans (April 20-24), tentative schedule:
 - EVS Club, Energy Technology Club, GreenJays, CCSJ
 - Monday, EVS Club: Event to discuss climate change. Probably a panel with Creighton professors to discuss the science of climate change Harper 2038, 7:00-8:30
 - Wednesday: CCSJ, GreenJays: We Matter Walk
 - CSU: Sustainability-themed WAC (Wednesdays After Class), TBD
 - Tuesday, Energy Technology Club: TBD
 - Friday, EVS Lecture Series: TBD
 - Posters to be hung up soon – April 1-15
 - Request funding for food at Monday and Wednesday events - \$500 for each event - School of Medicine volunteered to fund 50% of the cost
 - Need to further discuss a composting activity/idea similar to that in process at Loyola-Chicago
 - Creighton's Sustainability facebook page has accessibility/sharing technological issues that need attention from a knowledgeable party.

Upcoming events:

- Next meeting is April 17, 2015 in SKUTT 209.
- Earth Week: April 20-24, 2015
- St. Francis Day: October 5, 2015
 - Planning meeting April 30 at 2 pm at CCSJ

Preamble:

In alignment with our dedication to our Catholic, Jesuit tradition, the Creighton University Sustainability Council's mission is to support and advocate for lifestyle and institutional changes to create a more sustainable campus and community for current and future generations.

Mission Statement:

The Sustainability Committee advances sustainable practices on campus through education, research, activities, development, and operations, to make social, environmental and economic sustainability integral to the culture of Creighton University.

Goal Statements:**What we do.**

Work with administrators, faculty, students, staff and alumni to implement the campus sustainability plan (Climate Action Plan) with standards for curricular, research, operation, investment, and public service endeavors

How we do it.

Engage the campus in an ongoing dialogue about sustainability, and enhance communications across all segments of the community. Instill a culture of sustainable long-term planning and forward-thinking.

Whom we do it for.

Serve as a partner in sustainability with our campus neighbors, the city of Omaha, and the global community via university operations, training and education across the curriculum.

What values we bring.

Promote conscious stewardship of God's creation driven by our Jesuit tradition of social justice, our service to humanity, and our role as an institution of higher education.

Accomplishments:

The Sustainability Council has demonstrated this commitment through a variety of accomplishments since 2010, including but not limited to:

- Fr. John Schlegel, SJ signed the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment
- Fr. Timothy Lannon, SJ continued the commitment by signing the St. Francis Pledge to Care for Creation and the Poor
- Developed several majors, including those in Energy Technology and Sustainability
- Became the first Jesuit university to be designated a Fair Trade University
- Partnered with Goodwill to divert over 60 tons of materials from the residence halls
- Established the GreenJays student sustainability group and the Creighton Center for Service and Justice's Sustainability Advocacy Group
- Incorporated sustainability as one of the five pillars of CCSJ service trips and developed a host of sustainability-themed trips
- Developed and installed more sustainable landscaping
- Active participant in Annual Climate Conference, inclusive of Provost attendance
- Since 2010, annual Recyclmania campaign has accumulated over **XX** tons of recyclable materials that might otherwise have found their way into area landfills