

Sustainability Council Meeting
Minutes

August 19, 2011

Members Present: Noted at 13 members

The minutes from the July 15, 2011 meeting were acknowledged as okay

Joe Zaborowski and Linda Penland told the Council about the University's move to e-Commerce. The new program is an electronic software catalog that assists people on campus in buying of commodities. From a sustainability perspective, this will reduce -- almost eliminate -- the need for paper routing and storage. Joe said the program will be rolled out for use in a few months. The purveyor of the program will need to populate the program with specific language and vendors.

Lennis Pederson informed the group that the new sustainability emblems have been delivered and will soon be appearing on vehicles. A sub-committee is working on a procedure establishing where the emblem will be displayed.

Fran Reida commented on the need to report 2010 gas emissions to the EPA by September 1st. In his report to the Committee, Frank also talked about how Japan will cope with nuclear reactor failures resultant from the recent tsunami. Japan, with its efforts, will rise as a world leader in managing the crisis. Lastly, Frank talked about a sub-committee of congress looking at the techniques and methods for mining natural gas. The first report was issued in early August. Further reports from the Committee will be issued in the next few months.

Mary Duda expressed interest in re-kindling the Sodexo project known as Campus Kitchens. Essentially, it is taking prepared, un-served food from the kitchens after a meal and transporting the food to a local charity or shelter. Mary expects to be in contact with Sodexo to learn the background of the program.

Lennis reported that Ken Reed-Bouley has developed a list of subjects for the Green Bag Lunch program. Ken will host two lunch programs each semester. The first program is expected in October.

Amy helms stated that her committee developing a program to enhance mass transit would meet again later in August. Members of the council are invited.

Chris Boitano could not attend the meeting but did report later that the "Fair Trade University" resolution was accepted by the Staff Advisory Council. His next step is to have the resolution accepted by the Academic Council.

Steve Brace informed the Council on sustainable efforts in Athletic Department projects:

- 1) The used turf removed from the sports complex was sold to second hand users. Some pieces were given to schools that intended to use the turf on play areas.
- 2) The use of recycled crumb rubber as ballast in the new turf installed at the sports complex comes from tires used in Nebraska. Steve expects to get the crumb rubber paid for in part by the State Environmental Trust.
- 3) Steve has been in contact with Firstar Fiber regarding a grant application that if awarded would involve Creighton's athletic events in a program that recycles the trash from food service.

The Council discussed upcoming events and programs for and by the Sustainability Council.

- a) Ryan Lahne wants to have Pepsi representatives discuss the Pepsi sustainability program.
- b) Jay Leighter wants to update the Council on the work done by his class on the Carbon Action Plan.
- c) The university will sponsor a lighting fair in Harper Center on October 18th.

- d) Ken Reed-Bouley is advocating inclusion in the Catholic Coalition on Climate Change.
- e) John O'Keefe is leading a program that will originate at Creighton and culminate in a tour of green homes in Omaha. The event is in October.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

The next meeting will be held on September 16, 2011 in the U.P. room.