

Sustainability Council Meeting
Minutes

August 17, 2012
2:00 PM

Members Present: Noted at 14

Frank Reida reported that Kiewit Foundation is interested in helping with the trails in the city. The foundation is matching one for one with other funds available for the projects. Lennis followed his conversation by adding that Ehrhart Griffin is progressing with the design of the trail. The possibility is that work could be done next year.

Frank also reported that the Fort Calhoun Nuclear Plant will be giving management and operations responsibility to Excellon Energy. OPPD will not continue making energy.

Mary Duda told the group that Habitat Restore had a radio announcement about its new store. The announcement was very complimentary of the donations from Creighton.

Barb Dilly said that students are excited about sustainability. Jay Leighter, with Green Jays, is ramping up with an influx of the new students in the energy technology.

Barb also made the Council aware of the efforts by Jay Leighter and John O'Keefe to enhance sustainability. The gentlemen are approaching the dean about Creighton having a sustainability major and to have some follow through with Jay's idea to create Sustainability Institute on campus.

Barb Dilly will lead an effort to have a Sustainability presence at the St Francis Day Celebration on October 4th. The effort may include a movie specifically on sustainability. The activity at the celebration could also include announcing all of campus being single stream

Mary updated the group on recycling efforts:

- Most buildings are now single stream recycling. The effort should be completed by end of August.
- Mary said that Recycle Advisory Committee will meet again on September 6th.
- Lennis said that the income from recycling efforts went up a few percent over the past few years.
- The Dream Machine by Pepsi will be installed in Skutt and a second site to be announced. The recycle machines could show up soon.
- Each student room will have a poster in each residence hall at school start up.

Lennis talked about continuing planning for a Prairie Garden on campus. More meetings will be convened through the fall. Barb Dilly and Rich Jehlik will both help with the planning.

Mary updated the group on the progress on the Climate Action Plan. The work continues and more open forum meetings will be convened in September. Each Council member is asked to send ideas about how to reduce carbon emission.

Ed Lube reported that the energy audit of kitchens and other spaces occupied by Sodexo will be available in early September. The audit is being accomplished by the engineering arm of corporate Sodexo.

Mary Duda, on behalf of Cindy Workman introduced an idea of a video about what will a Jesuit do to achieve sustainability. Mary said the video would be brief and would focus on Jesuits at Creighton. Many ideas were offered up for the script.

- a) Turn off lights when leaving a room.
- b) Drive a hybrid car. This topic soon evolved into carpooling and the Council discussed having something like a “clown car”.
- c) Recycle.

Doing something for Sustainability Day, September 24th, was discussed. More activity is expected at the St. Francis Day Celebration.

Lennis told the Council that the University will begin looking at a new Master Plan in about six months. The plan will be a subject of the University Strategic Plan. Incorporated into the planning will be about:

- a) The University’s comprehensive Energy Conservation Master Plan which has been submitted to the Cabinet to be adopted.
- b) The draft Transportation Master Plan.
- c) The Utility and Energy Master Plan which is now funded and should be underway in September.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

The next meeting will be September 21, 2012 in the Union Pacific Room.