

Sustainability Council minutes, October 18, 2013

Attendance: 5

- The Sustainability at Creighton brochure is now complete and looks great. THANK YOU to Kat Iltas for creating it.
- St. Francis Day festivities:
 - EVS Seminar
 - 4th Annual Religion and Environment Lecture
 - “Healing a Broken World” reading groups; approximately 30 people in attendance at each
- St. Francis Day mass: Fr. Lannon signed the [St. Francis Pledge to Care for Creation and the Poor](#) and presided at mass. Over 125 people were at mass; 12 Jesuits concelebrated mass.
 - Following mass, a lunch was held for approximately 100 people. Several groups across campus contributed money to purchase vegetables from Shadowbrook Farms in Lincoln; several people made salads and bread for the lunch.
- The group discussed what to do with the signed St. Francis Pledge poster. The original will hang in the Jelinek Building. A copy can travel from department to department; perhaps each department that signs the pledge as a group could display the poster for a certain amount of time.
- The medical school is working on a global health initiative. Sustainability has an impact on health across the globe, so there may be areas of collaboration.
- Recyclemania starts in January. Webinars are in November and December. We will be participating. Talked about ways to advertise: the usual outlets, promote the competition aspect. This year we can possibly compete instead of benchmarking since we do not have the hospital or clinics to account for.
- Next meeting: November 15. New location. Mary won't be here; Ray Stoupa volunteered to chair the meeting.
- Next year's St. Francis Day is scheduled for October 3, 2014. We will begin planning in the spring. Looking for volunteers. Also, we would like to have something to announce/celebrate. Two ideas to work towards:
 - Choose one aspect of the pledge each year and work on it
 - Celebrate some something we've achieved in the last year
 - Also, involve the Board of Trustees or the Mission and Identity subgroup somehow: invite them to the festivities, invite them to take the pledge, etc.
- Kelly Tadeo Orbik informed the group of “CUInvolved”, a new resource for student organizations. She suggests we contact Katie Kelsey and get the Greenjays, BikeNest, and the Sustainability Council listed.
- The group discussed possible Christmas projects:
 - Ornament contests in the residence halls
 - Greeks create displays for a competition

- Tying any of these to an event, such as Christmas at Creighton or the faculty/staff Christmas party

Upcoming events:

- The Omaha Sierra Club is having a panel with representatives from Metro, Creighton, and UNO to talk about steps local campuses are taking to become more sustainable on Thursday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m.
- Climate Walk, October 25, organized by Hannah Mullally, Climate Action Plan intern. BLUJ radio will be there, food, walking to Union Pacific and back.
- OXFAM Hunger Banquet presented in conjunction with CSU, Peace and Justice Co-op, CCSJ, and others. November 17.