

Sustainability Council Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2008

Attendance: Noted at 30 people

Meeting Minutes: From October 17, 2008 were acknowledged

Caroline Moore was not able to attend to discuss the bike program.

Lennis Pederson, for Teresa Bohnet, reported that the single stream recycling program is expanding. Teresa is doing training of building occupants on a building by building basis. The truck needed for the operation is purchased and being modified for use. Equipment and fixtures are being staged in various buildings with an emphasis on expanding the containers in the buildings.

Guests (Mark Gardner and Josh Wilkens) from Johnson Controls talked about the results of the recent experience with Creighton. About 50 people from Creighton participated in one of the two sessions. The results focused on several aspects but it became clear that there needs to be more communication about the activities in play at Creighton. Of concern also is the transportation to, from, and through campus. The top seven needs were identified in the two sessions giving goals for the Sustainability Council and the University. These parameters were compared to 44 other schools that had completed the program. It should be noted that the results from Creighton's program are very much like the other schools.

The presentation by Johnson Control was well received and recommended that the administration be given the same review. The information will be posted on the Sustainability web site.

Mary Duda reported that Sustainability Day had several quality booths at which attendees could learn about various aspects of sustainability. Each person working at a booth was impressed by the quality and quantity of questions from the attendees. Mary was disappointed in the number of attendees and solicited comments from the council about how to get better attendance.

Ken Reed-Bouley commented that the two showings of the 11th Hour of Sustainability Day went well. The audience was engaged in the content of the movie.

Joe Zaborowski reported that the used book recycle program was still being investigated. He is narrowing the focus to Follett Bookstore because it is a no cost service that can demonstrate the books are being sent to people in need. More will be discussed at future meetings as he learns more.

Stephanie Wernig updated the council on the Christmas decoration contest. While the program is being accelerated to meet the season there were some details to be worked through:

- Ornaments will be displayed indoors at the Skutt Student Center
- posters announcing the contest would be sent electronically
- Decorations would be hung on a tree that demonstrated sustainability

Lennis Pederson announced that the community recycle deposit site has been developed at 22nd and Cuming by the MAT garage. The effort is accomplished with the City of Omaha and Firstar Recycling. The council is asked to spread the word to others about the site so those people that do not have recycling available at their residence can use the site.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

The next meeting is December 19th at 2:00 pm in the Union Pacific Room in the Alumni Library.