

Sustainability Council Meeting  
Minutes

January 18, 2013

Members Present: 16

The minutes from the December 14, 2012, meeting minutes were acknowledged as satisfactory.

A program for students to be involved with a local non-profit group to produce bio-diesel fuel is being explored. The project is being reviewed by several on campus including faculty from Physics and Chemistry. Conversation with Creighton's General Counsel is underway as knowledge about the liability and taxation of producing bio-diesel fuel.

Plans are being formulated for Creighton's participation in its second annual World Water Day. The event has been in place for about 13 years at many locations. The March 22, event will be planned by George Tangeman and Mary Duda.

Mary Duda reported that she had not heard of recent conversation about inclusion of sustainability in the Strategic Master Plan. The break between semesters is probably the main reason for the quietness.

Mary Duda and Richard Miller with input and direction from many are creating one or two student intern positions. The positions will be tasked with planning expansion of sustainability awareness through assigned responsibility to be a liaison to several like-minded groups and individuals across campus.

Ed DuPree talked about how the Sustainability Council might participate in the Annual Sourcing Expo. The event is March 13<sup>th</sup>. It is a 3 hour event. Ed will help coordinate this for the Council.

The Council is invited to the January 23, 2013 forum about Energy Conservation. The event is scheduled for 1:00 pm in Harper Center. A key objective for the meeting is to learn ideas regarding how Creighton might be more effective at energy conservation.

Mary Duda spoke about the 90% draft of the Climate Action Plan. She reiterated her request for feedback and input. It is recommended that Mary convene groups to identify for working on the various strategies.

Jay Leighter spoke about updates in the Green Jays. His group is expanding and the leadership is identified. He mentioned that there is a shift in the calendar away from the school year to get continuity over the summer.

Mary updated the Council about the possibility of a possible grant with Keep American Beautiful and its partner Goodwill to help disseminate the items students chose not to take home at night.

Creighton is one of 15 schools selected for consideration of the grant. Five of the 15 schools will work with Goodwill to remove donations from the residence halls at the end of the semester.

Frank Reida talked about recent updates in regulation and legislation:

- a) The tax credits for alternative energy production have been extended.
- b) The EPA is re-focusing on Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) as a way to control contaminant discharge into the air.

Barb Dilly stated that she is meeting with Andy Waltke about gardens on campus. Andy encouraged a sub-committee of the Sustainability Council be formed to consider all gardens on campus. The sub-committee could look at the activities around the Ignatian Garden; proposed BlueJay Garden; proposed Prairie Garden and perhaps other gardens on campus. Further development of the idea of a larger garden committee is being considered.

The Council discussed the Bike Program:

- a) Lennis reminded the group that the tools needed for a bike repair shop were stored on campus and that space for a shop in McGloin was still available.
- b) As information, Dustin Vice, in Facilities Management is rebuilding abandoned bikes which could be sold at Earth Day.
- c) No action regarding find a financial partner for the B-Cycle Program had been accomplished.
- d) Lennis reported that the project to extend Turner Trails through campus from 30<sup>th</sup> & Dodge is in design.

Mary Duda and Pete Maas updated the Council on the recycle program:

- a) RecycleMania! Starts on January 20, 2013 and continues for about 8 weeks. Pete is promoting awareness of the contest.
- b) Containers from Pepsi for recycling are scheduled for an early February delivery. This includes the two Dream Machines.
- c) The Recycle Advisory Committee continues to meet 2 to 3 times a semester. The contributing group is focusing on RecycleMania! And the ways to make single stream recycling more of an impact.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Please note new location - next meeting will be January 18, 2013 at 2:00 pm in the Harper Center room 3027.

The next meeting will be on February 15, 2013, 2 to 3 pm, held in Eppley room #107.