


## Sustainability Council minutes, April 21, 2017

Attendance: recorded at 16

- Jay Leighter gave a presentation about the work done thus far by the President's Advisory Committee on Sustainability; this talk has been given to approximately 100 people across campus. Recommendations will be given to Fr. Hendrickson in June.
- The search process for the Sustainability Coordinator is well underway. The search committee reviewed nearly two dozen applications and is currently concluding Skype interviews with some of the candidates. By early next week the search committee will narrow the pool to 1-2 finalists at which time we will invite the finalists to campus for in-person interviews. We anticipate the campus interviews to occur the week prior to graduation.
- The Council discussed its future in light of the new sustainability coordinator being hired and the possible continuation of the PACS. It is anticipated that this Council will become a loosely-affiliated group of like-minded individuals to exchange ideas, learn more about various aspects of sustainability, and more. Details still need to be worked out, once the sustainability coordinator is in place.
- Fr. Hendrickson had an Earth Day message for all faculty, staff and students today, highlighting all the great work done in the sustainability area. <https://www.creighton.edu/office-president/messages-campus/spring-2017/april-21-2017>.
- Earth Week Activities:
  - **TUESDAY, April 18, 1-2 pm**  
Jays Dig Deep Tree Planting, Jesuit Gardens. We will start by doing our demonstration planting in the Jesuit Gardens, then we will turn everyone loose in the area along Old Gym Drive. There will be a mix of shade trees and ornamental trees to plant, totaling eight trees.  
The work will include moving/lifting potted trees, digging holes, moving wheelbarrows full of mulch and mulching around the planted trees, watering planted trees using 5 gallon buckets of water or hoses, moving wheelbarrows with sod scraps to be disposed of. Please dress to move and get dirty!
  - **WEDNESDAY, April 19, 11 am - 2 pm**  
GreenJays will on the mall with a fun and approachable way to learn and ask questions about sustainability and climate change. Come talk to experts from across campus!
  - **FRIDAY, April 21, 10 am - 2 pm**  
EVS Club will be hosting a plant potting event as well as an interactive recycling game on the mall
  - **SATURDAY, April 22, 12 noon - 2 pm**
    - As part of Earth Day, HDR is partnering with Creighton University and the Arbor Day Foundation for a tree planting event from 9 a.m. to noon at Creighton. Volunteers will plant approximately 18 trees provided by the Arbor Day Foundation. Creighton staff and students have been invited to participate alongside HDR employees.
    - The SCSJ is organizing a group to go to Omaha's Earth Day festival on April 22nd.

### Upcoming events:

- Next meeting is May 19 @ 2pm in Epley 119




**1,000**  
trees


**100**  
different species  
on campus

**Tree Campus USA**  
for 9 straight years

**300+** alumni working in sustainability fields 



**1.5** million pounds of materials recycled since 2010



**5.3** million sheets of paper saved from new printing model

**Additional Print Model Savings:**

- ▶ \$46,600
- ▶ 540,425 gallons of water
- ▶ 635 trees
- ▶ 58,281-pound reduction in carbon dioxide emissions



**2** electric vehicle charging stations

multiple  
**Sustainability Degree Programs**

Energy Technology Program  
Environmental Science  
(major and minor)  
Sustainability Studies  
(major and minor)

