

Sustainability Council Meeting  
Minutes

May 18, 2012  
2:00 PM

Members Present: Noted at 14

The minutes from the April 20, 2012 meeting were acknowledged as satisfactory.

Pete Maas informed the group about his summer assignment to expand the single stream recycle program into HP&E, Hitchcock, and Dowling. He will also be focusing on training occupants on what to recycle. Ed Lube and Pete agreed to an aggressive training in the Sodexo operation. Mary Duda informed the group that the Recycle Advisory Council will be meeting through the summer.

Lennis Pederson informed the Council that Erin Gross had received the first small grant to enhance sustainability awareness on campus. Dr. Gross will develop a composting site for testing and analysis by students.

Stephanie Wernig recapped the information about transportation obtained from the recent Public Safety operations survey. Specific questions were included to add data to the draft transportation master plan.

Ed Lube reported that his office will soon receive the energy audit of Sodexo spaces on campus. The report was prepared by energy experts from corporate Sodexo. When received, Ed plans to share the data.

Ryan Lahne advised that the recycle program by Pepsi known as the Dream Machine is much more robust than may have been understood by the Council earlier. Ryan is of the opinion that Pepsi will want to implement the program on campus over the next few months. The Pepsi representatives are encouraging the Dream Machine program to be the contribution from Pepsi for this year.

Joe Zaborowski confirmed that the University has signed the documents to be designated a Fair Trade University.

Frank Reida had 4 points to share as legislation and regulations updates:

- 1) President Obama is encouraging incentives to expand program generating electricity from wind power. The present programs are scheduled to end December 31, 2012, but President Obama wants the program to continue as an economic stimulus. Incentives to advance the use of compressed natural gas will end.
- 2) The regional director of the EPA has been replaced when he publicly stated that because the office is short staffed so when fines are levied, the cited firm "will be crucified".

- 3) The Ninth Circuit Court upholds the first permit for a power house to be fired with natural gas as needing to comply with green house gas limits.
- 4) California, Tennessee, and Ohio are revising laws and regulations to be more stringent for fracking. Vermont is developing legislation to ban fracking.

Barb Dilley revisited her plans to expand sustainability among the campus populace. She intends to be presenting at various residence hall floor meetings in August. She is also developing a program to coincide with St. Francis Day celebrations on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Jessica Heller gave a favorable update to the Council on the operation of the Ignatian Garden. Social activity is occurring along with planting.

Lennis Pederson told the Council that the last phase of contracted work to add alternative energy generating source to campus is about complete. The solar powered water heater for Hixson-Lied should be installed in late May.

The Council discussed the effort of the Wellness Council to have a Farmer's Market on campus this summer. The Council was asked to support the effort in ways requested. Ryan Lahne cautioned that the program will need to be vetted by Sodexo.

Lennis Pederson told the Council that the comprehensive Energy Conversation Plan was moving through the approval process. He also said that Mary Duda and he will be actively engaged in a collaborative campus effort to write a climate action plan. The plan is to be forwarded in January, 2013.

The meeting adjourned at 2:58 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2012 at 2:00 pm in the Union Pacific Room.