

Sustainability Council Meeting
Minutes

May 21, 2010

Members: Noted at 13 present

Lennis informed the Council that a small group would be formed to implement, monitor and administer a program of small grants for faculty, students, and staff that want to enhance the Creighton Sustainability program. Volunteers include Frank Reida, Joe Zaborowski, Rich Rossi

Ed Dupree told the group that the new vending contract with Pepsi requires Pepsi to install energy conserving equipment that tells the vending

Frank Reida informed the Committee about the pending American Power Act. Basically it is the failed cap and trade bill with a new name. There is a lot of work pending in Congress at this time. So the American Power Act has taken a back burner.

Ed DuPree explained his equivalent of Craig's List. Dubbed Ed's List, the program is designed to make surplus materials other than furniture available at no cost to other departments across campus. The intent is to use a website to make information about surplus commodity available to all. Individuals with surplus could enter the information about the surplus on the website. Ed advised he is nearly ready to go live with the program.

Lennis Pederson updated the Council on the MUD efforts to get compressed natural gas CNG available in vehicles cross the city. Some of the key points are:

- 1) MUD has a grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust to install quick fill stations at two select areas in the city making it easy to buy gas for a car.
- 2) MUD is working with Creighton to help fund a CNG slow fill station on campus. The grant will also help fund a CNG powered shuttle.
- 3) CNG is about 50% of the cost of gasoline, burns much cleaner and gets about the same MPG as gasoline.
- 4) Honda cars can be purchased and maintained at O'Daniel Honda in Omaha.

Joe Zaborowski and Lennis Pederson explained the potential Zip Car program being considered by Creighton. Basically, Zip Car will locate two cars on campus that can be rented by the hour by students, faculty and staff that have a valid driver's license from any country. The cars are rented to the individual that is signed up with the program. Zip Car provides insurance, gasoline, and maintenance. Creighton is on the hook for minimum use and is asked to guarantee Zip Car \$1,500 or \$1,600 a month per car depending on the car. The Creighton Student Union is very interested in underwriting part of the minimum cost. The objective is to make quick decisions in an effort to tell incoming students about the program during summer preview.

By way of information, the Council was informed that bike racks to be used for long term storage had been installed in the 24th Street garage.

Lennis Pederson alerted the Council that the contract with Brendle Group for a green gas analysis had been signed by all parties. The review by the Brendle Group is designed to identify the carbon foot print for the University. Many staff members from many departments will be asked to work hard to get the information needed by the Brendle Group.

Mary Duda told the members of the Council that the alternative energy project was progressing. The photovoltaic film has been installed on the KFC roof. The wind turbines are expected to be operational in June. The two solar arrays are also well along with procurement and construction is expected to start in June.

Peter Maas told the group that the single stream recycling program was steadily growing. The program is doing much better than expected in the Criss Buildings. He said that by early June the program will expand to Linn, Labaj and Schneider buildings.

George Tangeman could not attend to update on the program known as Battle of the Dorms involved in energy conservation. The contest took place in all of April. Kiewit Hall was the winner of the contest and were rewarded with a check for \$150.00.

The initiative to write tactics for the goals in the University's Strategic Plan were discussed. Mary Duda and her team are essentially done. Jay Leighter has been a very innovative thinker designing a Center of Sustainability Excellence for the University. The idea is being broken down into numerous tactics. Stephanie Wernig is leading the team involved with developing a cost analysis program. Her team should be quite well along by the end of June.

Mary Duda convened the quarterly meeting of the Midland's Educational Sustainability Council. Five schools including Creighton joined in the May 19th meeting. Topics of discussion - a review of Earth Day; alternative transportation including car pooling; and out door recycle programs.

Lennis Pederson informed the group that demands for time are causing the Farmer's Market on campus to take a back burner. Ken Reed-Bouley said an effort should be made to only use vendors producing local produce. That market may not come until later in June.

Bob Duros could not be at the meeting to discuss printer and copier fleet management. Joe Zaborowski said that many on his staff were actively engaged in the review of proposals from companies that may partner with Creighton in the management program. It is understood that many printers and copiers across campus can be consolidated, reducing the need for electricity and reducing the carbon foot print.

Ken Juhl informed the Council that he was well along with plotting the community garden. The garden will be west of 18th Street, mid block between Cuming Street and Burt Street. The analysis of the soil confirmed that the lead content is below the threshold of EPA's concern.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM.

The next meeting is June 18th 2010 at 2:00 PM in the Union Pacific Room in the Alumni Library.