

Sustainability Council Meeting
Minutes

June 15, 2012
2:00 PM

Members Present: Noted at 16

The minutes from the May 18, 2012 meeting were acknowledged as satisfactory.

Ryan Lahne introduced Rick Seidl with Pepsi to consider the Pepsi Dream Machine for recycling plastic bottles and aluminum cans. Two locations will be selected for campus. One location will be in the Skutt Center. The second location will be decided. The Sustainability Council, in a motion by Peter Maas and seconded by Bill Hamilton endorsed the Dream Machine program with the understanding this could be an activity included in the Pepsi Pouring Rights contract.

Pepsi will add recycle containers to a variety of spaces across campus to augment other recycle containers.

Rick Seidl also said that Pepsi will be replacing the seven vending machines found on campus as not being energy efficient with machines that are Energy Star. The cold drink vending machines on campus will all be Energy Star.

Pete Maas informed the Council that he was focusing through the summer on expanding the single stream recycle program to buildings not now provided with such. He will also be offering training to building occupants in an effort to increase the quality of recycling materials.

Mary Duda displayed the recently produced video about what can and can't be recycled. The comedic program is a well done film that enhances recycling awareness. The film was produced by Tessa Young.

Frank Reida updated the Council on the activity within the EPA regarding nuclear energy regulation compliance.

Lennis Pederson informed the Council that the Alternative Energy project being installed by a contractor is essentially done. The last phase will be to install a solar water heater in Hixson-Lied.

The Council was reminded to support the Wellness Council in its efforts to have a Farmer's Market on campus this summer. Specific details from the Wellness Council were not available.

Jessica Heller commented that the Ignatian Garden was doing well this growing season. More social events around community gardening were planned through the season.

Barb Dilly was not available for the meeting to discuss the work she is doing to promote sustainability at the start of school or on St. Francis Day.

Lennis Pederson reported on planning efforts:

- a) The comprehensive Energy Conservation Plan was drafted and in the approval chain. The attached University policy on energy conservation is being re-written to be briefer.
- b) The draft Transportation Master Plan is still in writing.
- c) Funding for the Utility and Energy Master Plan is being identified.
- d) The contract with the Brendle Group engaging them to help write a climate action plan is being approved. Funding has been identified. Work on the plan is expected to start in September.

Lennis asked the Council as they exited the Alumni Library to view the water bottle filling station in the Reinert Alumni Library commons area. The machine was provided by Elkay at no cost to the University. If it works okay and is used; more will be purchased.

The meeting adjourned at 3:04 pm.

The next meeting will be July 20, 2012 in the Union Pacific Room.