

Sustainability Council Meeting
Minutes

July 15, 2011

Members Present: Noted at 8 members

The minutes from the June 17, 2011 meeting were acknowledged as accurate.

Wes Muncy was not able to attend the meeting to update the Council on the Farmer's Market project.

Amy Helms has to miss the meeting but reported in advance that her sub-committee working on increasing mass transit ridership had an initial meeting. As first thoughts, the group expects to focus on a program that targets freshman students.

Jessica Heller reported in advance of the meeting that the Ignatian Garden project continues to do well. Gardeners are attentive to their respective plots. The weeds seem more active in the mulch paths than in the plots.

The sub-committee working on a procedure for parking electric vehicles is beginning to understand some of the technology available for dispensing electricity to an assigned parking stall. It seems the concept is similar to a parking meter as users are asked to relocate once the vehicle is charged. Technology available allows for reserving time at a charging station.

The new sustainability logo is present on the recently purchased Facilities Management uniform shirts. Logo appliqués for Creighton owned vehicles have been ordered. A small group will convene in August to draft a procedure for displaying the logo.

The Alternative Energy project designed around the DOE grant is completed. Using other funding, it is anticipated that additional alternative energy technologies will be displayed in outdoor labs across campus. The additional collectors will be designed and it is anticipated installed by early winter.

A small group has had initial discussion about a fall semester bike play day. The initial thought is focusing on a program that centers around selling bikes. More to come on this somewhat tentative program.

Frank Reida informed the group that the EPA has issued a ruling about preventing cross state contamination with carbon discharge.

Lennis Pederson recapped the steps toward sustainability being taken by Campus Recreation. The details are listed in the meeting agenda.

The Council discussed participating in the national Campus Sustainability Day on October 26, 2011. The concept of having a broad menu of small size activities seemed to be most preferred. Programming is to be designed to enhance student involvement. Ideas included a campus clean-up event; having students enrolled in major steeped in sustainability make presentations; and perhaps a movie.

The Council gave a quick planning overview of a focused program on World Water Day to be celebrated March 22, 2012.

The Council is asked to try to find time to examine the latest lighting technology at a fair in Harper Center on October 18, 2011.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

The next meeting will be held on August 19, 2011 in the U.P. room.