

Sustainability Council minutes, August 15, 2014

Attendance:

- At July's Sustainability Council meeting, the group discussed the STARS survey and the points. One of the areas we noted with no points is "Community Stakeholder Engagement"; we weren't sure what they were looking for. From the STARS framework, here is the question: "Has the institution adopted a framework for community stakeholder engagement in governance, strategy and operations? Include at minimum, educational organizations, government bodies, private sector organizations, trade unions, and stakeholders from civil society (e.g. NGOs, NPOs, underrepresented and vulnerable populations).

Stakeholders are those groups who affect and/or could be affected by an organisation's activities, products or services and associated performance."

- Community members are members of our board
- Which Jesuit schools are STARS participants?
 - Two gold: Santa Clara and Loyola Chicago
 - One silver: Loyola Marymount
 - One bronze: St. Louis University
 - 10 "reporters", including Creighton
 - 14 not participating
 - Overall numbers (all participating schools)
 - 0 Platinum
 - 65 Gold (22.5%)
 - 165 Silver (53.6%)
 - 69 Bronze (23.9%)
 - 23 Reporters
- Recycling: Peter Maas's job duties have changed and he is not doing training, etc for recycling anymore. Ideas for getting training out?
 - Cards with recycling info; possibly heavy cardstock, laminated, a magnet, or a sticker.
 - Short Brainshark video with information
 - The Russell Child Development Center and Human Resources areas both have signs outlining what should and should not be recycled. These seem to be quite helpful.
- DoIT is working on an upgraded, interactive Google map. <http://cumap-test.creighton.edu/cumap.html> What kinds of sustainability information would be good to have on there?
 - Tree Tour
 - Water bottle filling stations
 - Gardens (such as the one at Boyne)
 - Bike items: bike racks, BikeNest, bike repair station
 - Recycling, including Pepsi Dream Machine
 - Alternative energy installations
 - Mary Duda to contact DoIT with the list of ideas
- Giveaways: we've been given permission to have giveaways.

- When?
- What type? Want something that is not disposable. Group overwhelmingly in favor of recycled cardboard pens.
- Discussion of Green Ribbon Schools. Should we participate? More information is here: <http://nde.ne.gov/Science/GreenRibbonSchools/TimelineResources.html>
 - Mary was to contact the state Department of Education to see how many schools the state will be sending forward to the federal level. The contact listed on the website no longer is in that position and no one new has been hired. Question is unanswered at this time.
 - Tabled until the new director of this program is in place.
- Katie Bruckman met with a representative from GRID Alternatives Solar Spring Break. This is a program in which students spend their spring break doing physical labor to set up photovoltaic installations on the homes of low-income people. They also spend time educating the residents on energy conservation and operation of the alternative energy installation. The program costs \$5000 (does not include food or transportation) and needs 10-12 students. There is also a program that goes to Nicaragua and installs solar water heaters; this one costs \$20,000. Currently the program has locations in California, New York, and Washington DC, with plans to expand. They seemed open to the possibility of having a site in Nebraska. Katie is working with CCSJ to bring the program here; it will most likely be moving forward.
- The Campus Safety Committee had received word that there are an increased number of unhappy pedestrian/bicyclist interactions and asked to find out what the Sustainability Council knew about this and how to help. The Council agrees that bicyclists are being disrespectful towards pedestrians, to the point of almost running them down, especially near the entrance to Criss II near Burt Street. Ideas included issuing bells to bicyclists, registering them (including the sustainability emblem), training for bicyclists. It was agreed that CSU should be approached for this, since it is mostly students that are riding bicycles.
- An idea was presented to a council member that is on the “Outside Spend” strategic planning group: an on-campus “Freecycle” that would allow for the exchange of unwanted office supplies. The group discussed whether a physical location was needed for this, and it was determined that it would be difficult to find staffing and a location for something like that, but a website that listed materials could work.
- A council member will be meeting with the local Boy Scout Council to discuss the possibility of doing projects on campus. Another member will have a similar discussion with her Girl Scout troop.

Upcoming events:

- St. Francis Day: October 3, 2014. Details to follow.
- “Business, Faith and the Common Good” symposium: October 3, 2014. Details to follow.

Next meeting is September 19, 2014 in the Energy Technology Space