

Sustainability Council minutes, July 15, 2016

Attendance: recorded at 16

- Thank you to Joe Zaborowski, who is retiring in September. Joe has been a long-time member of the Sustainability Council and has done quite a bit of work for the greenhouse gas calculations. He will be missed. (Joe's retirement celebration is Tuesday, August 30 from 4-5:30 p.m. in Harper room 3023).
- We are applying for the ACCU-Solution Generation Climate Leadership Award from the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities. The prize is \$10,000. One of the questions on the application is what would we do with the money? "How do you plan to use the \$10,000 award? *e.g.* to stimulate and expand efforts to engage and lead the campus and community in climate solutions."
<http://solutiongeneration.org/accu-climate-leadership-awards>
 - Probably want something related to engagement/outreach since that is the focus of the award
 - Trip to Luther College to see prairie etc
 - Do a project and then report at a conference
 - Pay for some/all of the Sustainability Pledge program
 - Plant trees to offset carbon emissions
 - Residence Hall programming
 - Programming for faculty/staff
 - Facilities Management upgrades?
 - Have we addressed this to president's office?
 - Compost program
 - 75 North program?
 - Electric vehicle charging – put one in a public parking area? Generous match from MAPA – 4 to 1. Need to develop outreach component.
- From Michelle Ferestad, Facilities Management: "I wanted to share some of the efforts with Student Life on sustainability. During the past few months I have been working with Evan and Wayne Young Jr on increasing the awareness in resident halls by incorporating recycling program during the picnic for the freshman class. This year we are strategically placing recycling bins around the picnic near trash cans to encourage this process from the start of our incoming students. Wayne Young mentioned he would work on printing recycling yard signs and Evan's team will create additional signage for the halls. While the University develops the committee for sustainability on campus we don't want to change too much till expectations of this committee is outlined. As I work with events, my goal is to incorporate more efforts like this to encourage less waste and encourage Sodexo to be a partner during this task."
- St. Francis Day Planning
 - Larry Hopp has been heading up the planning. Received word that the Provost's office will fund the following activities:
 - Residence Hall competition – student teams to stop by and "catch" residents doing good things and give away prizes
 - Speaker – Dr. Kneifel from NIST to discuss economics of energy conservation (9/23)
 - Panel presentation: the Nebraska Environmental Trust Funds' Zoo grant would be presented on Friday, 9/30. This grant involves our students developing educational

- material for the zoo along with a renewable energy system. Zoo personnel, students and Dr. Baruth would be some of the panel members.
- Spirit of St. Francis Mass will be held at noon on October 4.
 - Spirit of St. Francis celebration picnic/awards presentation October 7. Want to have vegetarian food.
 - Awards solicitation should be soon.
- Does the Council want to participate in WellFest (October 6, 11-4)? Same week as St. Francis Day, so we do not want to spread folks too thin.

Upcoming events:

- Next meeting is September 16 @ 2pm in Eppley 119
- St. Francis Day Planning meetings September 2 @ 2pm in Eppley 119.
- St. Francis Day celebrations listed above September/October 2016.