

Sustainability Council Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2011

Members present: Noted at 12

Ken Reed-Bouley was not able to attend the meeting but sent the descriptions for this semester's Green Bag Lunch program for Council approval. The council approved them. The descriptions are below:

Food Sustainability: Healthier for Ourselves, Our Community, and Our Planet: A conversation with **Alexander Adkins of The Grey Plume** restaurant at Midtown Crossing, **Jody Fritz of Tomato Tomato**, and **Ed Lube of Creighton University Dining Services and Sodexo**. Thursday, October 6, 12:30 – 1:30 pm Creighton Center for Service and Justice (Harper Center 2067)

and

Green Transportation: Walking, Biking, Public Transit, and More: A conversation with **Matt Martin of the Community Bike Project**, and **Daniel Lawse of Metro Community College and The Verdis Group** Thursday, November 17, 12:30-1:30 at CCSJ.

Mary Duda introduced the Catholic Climate Coalitions's new initiative, "Sustainability and Catholic Higher Education: A Toolkit for Mission Integration". This is a new initiative and is being taken on by John O'Keefe to start. More information will be coming.

Rich Jehlik has an idea to repurpose scientific calculators. He became aware that people probably have them lying at their houses unused and he has a home for them with his students in Student Support Services. . He's looking for ways to collect the calculators. The council came up with several ideas, including have council members collect them, putting them in intracampus mail, and setting up several locations on campus where people can drop them off. In the end, it was thought boxes at the libraries and Old Gym would work well. Rich will type up a proposal for the council to take a look at.

Rose Hill presented the one grant application she received for the Small Grant program. It is for a small-scale (52-gallon) composter. She and the subcommittee will take a look at the grant and pass recommendations on to Lennis.

Mary Duda mentioned the Omaha Farmers Market request for hands-on children's activities at their Food Day Omaha event October 23. The committee decided this is not something it can take on right now but suggested either the GreenJays or the education department as possible groups to do something.

Jay Leighter gave a brief overview of the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) and his "Deliberation on Sustainability" class's involvement. They hosted a series of forums on the climate action plan. From this a date of 2028 (Creighton's sesquicentennial) was set as

the date for climate-neutrality. From these forums, and from the requirements of the ACUPCC, it is clear that more forums need to be held on day-to-day decisions such as reducing car usage, etc.

Jay also mentioned that the GreenJays wanted to meet with Fr. Lannon to ask him to sign the ACUPCC. It turns out that when Fr. Schlegel signed it, it was good for the university and Fr. Lannon technically does not need to sign it. The GreenJays would still like to meet with him, however, and the group discussed the best ways to speak to Fr. Lannon about sustainability at the university.

Amy gave an update on the bus-ridership program, stating that the last meeting did not go well. Jay suggested perhaps expanding the sub-committee to include other alternate forms of transportation like busing, carpooling, biking, etc. Mary agreed, since the carpool committee disbanded. Amy is willing to look at this and Jay is also willing to get involved. The committee approved.

MarySue Wydeven asked if anyone has looked at removing the bottled water from campus.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:15

Next meeting: October 21, 2011 at 2 p.m. in the UP Room

Save the dates: February 16-17 2012: Catholicism and the Environment is the theme of the Kripke Symposium <http://moses.creighton.edu/CSRS/Events.html>