

# Sustainability Council Minutes

September 18, 2015

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Attendance: Ray Stoupa; Ed DuPree; Mike Cherney; Bill Hamilton; Ryan Wishart; Mary Duda; Joe Zaborowski; Amy Helms; Larry Hopp; Scott Williams; Peter Maas; Ellen Townley; Jessica Sheldon; Anton Yanchilin

Meeting Began at 2:05pm

- Laudato Si reading group, hosted by Collaborative Ministry. 3 sessions (over breakfast or lunch)
  - Bringing in people from across campus
  - Largest book group Collaborative Ministry has ever had.
  - Good discussions
- Now is the time to build on the momentum of Peak Day, Laudato Si, etc to ask for more projects, etc.
  - Arts and Sciences interested in taking it to next level; has expressed interest in large events, especially collaborating between Environmental Sciences, Energy Technology, and Sustainability majors.
  - Energy Saving Committee is only focusing funding on 5-year payback. The items the Council is interested in are different but could complement the Energy Saving Committee's initiatives.
  - Items that were discussed:
    - Hosting/co-hosting a speaker in the spring. For instance, R. Wishart is working on live-streaming the keynote speech (Naomi Klein) at the Climate Change conference at Loyola University Chicago, possibly with screening the film or hosting a book group.
    - Purchase of "smart strips" for residence hall rooms or offices. A good summary of these power-saving devices can be found here:  
<http://science.howstuffworks.com/environmental/green-tech/sustainable/smart-power-strip.htm>
    - Solar panels on more buildings
    - Public transit pass-to-class like at UNO/Metro.
    - Fixing recycling program
      - New trash/recycling bins, or a recycling center, in residence halls and other areas
        - Trash cans say "landfill" instead of trash at Loyola-Chicago. A simple but meaningful wording change
        - New cans in Skutt have recycling and trash next to each other.
      - Renewed training/signage
    - Energy-saving behavior change; we need ongoing awareness
      - Light-switch reminders
      - "Hire" on-campus people to do sustainability topics. For instance, communications staff to work on Welcome Week programming
      - On-boarding for new fac/staff/students
      - Energy hotline – find issues and send to Facilities
- Peak Day program with Verdis Group
  - People were excited to participate
  - Emails, signage on doors, digital signage
  - Good feedback
  - Still analyzing data to determine savings

- Comments were provided on the Energy Conservation Policy that has been updated by the Energy Saving Committee

Meeting Adjourned at 2:10pm

Announcements:

- The St. Francis Day Feast needs folks to help with set-up, clean-up, and providing a dish. Sign-ups can be found here: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090448A8AD29A02-stfrancis](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090448A8AD29A02-stfrancis)
- ACUPCC has been updated to "Climate Commitment" <http://files.ctctcdn.com/8118e81b001/5de7da49-7a23-439c-b19d-60343e08976c.pdf>
- Please utilize the sustainability suggestion box!  
<http://www.creighton.edu/about/sustainability/suggestionbox/>

Upcoming events:

- St. Francis Day planning meeting September 30 10 am Lower St. John's
- Next meeting is October 16 @ 2pm in Eppley 119.
- St. Francis Day: October 5, 2015. Mass at noon, lunch to follow