

Sustainability Council Meeting
Minutes

September 21, 2012
2:00 PM

Members Present: Noted at 14

Mary Duda announced the Kristen Schrader-Frechette lecture on September 27, 2012. She also updated the committee on recycling – single stream is now in all buildings.

Mary also talked about Arbor Day Foundation's fair trade coffee offerings. While they do not offer enough flavors for the retail locations on campus, Ed DuPree is looking into offering it to the office locations across campus. One idea was that it could be offered in the Faculty Commons, where free coffee is offered; Ed will talk to Dining Services about this possibility.

Barbara Dilly updated the group on several initiatives she's been working on:

St. Francis Day celebration (October 4)

- Film festival with a film Monday-Thursday evenings that week
- Fair on October 4, 1-4 pm, Skutt 105
 - Posters from various disciplines. All are encouraged to provide a poster
- Tour of alternative energy sites at 2 pm, starting in Skutt 105
- 5 p.m. worship service in the Jesuit Gardens
 - Trying to get a priest from Pine Ridge
- In discussions about an "environmental crisis alarm" (similar to tornado drills). Richard Miller thinks it's a great idea and is working on getting the church bells to ring once a day during that week.

Farm proposal for students to learn and work

- Presented to Fr. Lannon; he did not throw her out but was not encouraging either.
- Worked with Lennis to get a vacant lot near 32nd and Webster that will be used as a community gardening spot – the BlueJay garden
- Mike Cherney is also interested in having a farm

Jessica Heller updated the group on several gardens

- Ignatian Garden (community garden) had a good year with a bumper crop and people sharing their crops. Gardeners are to have their plants out by the end of October
- Sensory Garden. A group of OT students approached her with an idea for a sensory/healing garden that would be located outside of Boyne, in what is now the Jelinek Gardens. The spot is currently a lot of rocks and sidewalk but is slowly being changed. There may be a tree-planting event.
- Prairie Garden. This will be located near the greenhouse in the area close to Burt Street (at the base of the steps from Markoe Hall). There are still discussions about what end of

the spectrum the garden should be: more formal or more wild. The intention of the space is to draw people in, as a meditative space.

Andi Hinnenkamp announced that Fair Trade USA will be on campus October 23 with 2 banana growers. Their schedule is still pretty open, but they can come talk to classes, etc. CCSJ will keep us posted on what the final schedule is.

Mary Duda reminded the group of the Climate Action Planning update sessions on September 24 and 25, with the final presentation on October 31 at 10 am.

Mary Duda asked whether the council would like to participate in Justice Through Solidarity Week in November. The group agreed it was a good idea. Posters from St. Francis Day can be reused. A good possibility is a trash/recycling sort. Mary will coordinate with CCSJ and Peter Maas for this.

Meeting adjourned at 3 pm. Next meeting is October 19 at 2 pm.