

Sustainability Council Meeting
Minutes

October 16, 2009

Members: Noted at 16 present

The minutes of the September 18, 2009 meeting were acknowledged

Lennis Pederson invited the members to take part in the Midlands Educational Sustainability Forum. The event is scheduled for -

October 29, 2009 at 1:30 pm at
Metropolitan Community College

Peter Maas was introduced to the Sustainability Council. He is in charge of the single stream recycle program along with other duties.

Joe Zaboroloski informed the group that used books no longer needed and not purchased by Follett are collected by John Walker at the end of the school year. Mr. Walker donates the books to local charities. Ken Homan added that CSU is developing a program to ship used books to Better World Books. Proceeds for the books are given to an illiteracy charity of choice.

Bob Duros was welcomed as a new member to the Council. He gave a detailed update of his work in developing a new printer management program. The analysis he is accomplishing is considering more efficient printers located around campus. The centralized printer management program will significantly reduce the University's carbon footprint. The Council supports and endorses the printer management program being analyzed.

Fran Reida updated the Council on the Baxter-Kerry Bill about carbon footprint reduction. The language in the bill is more stringent than in the past drafts. Along with the increased requirement for carbon management will be higher fees for failure to comply.

Ken Homan was informed that Keep Omaha Beautiful would make a grant of \$50 to help with the GreenJays initiative to ban disposable water bottles on campus. Liz Halfmann was not able to attend the meeting and share some of her academic work regarding a program to ban disposable water bottles on campus.

Lennis Pederson displayed renditions of the anticipated alternative energy production technology and possible sites on campus. He also gave an update on the DOE Grant status and the program for use of the electricity generated.

People were asked to be involved with the Midlands Educational Sustainability Forum scheduled for October 29, 2009.

Ken Homan accepted the role of developing a program for celebrating Campus Sustainability Day. The event is scheduled for November 4, 2009. Each member of the Council is encouraged to help Ken with the event.

Lennis Pederson told the Council that the draft of the RFP/RFQ to retain a consultant to identify the campus carbon footprint was completed. The draft will be sent to as many as 12 firms across the nation. Council members were reminded of their task to screen the responses and participate in the interviews.

Frank Reida presented highlights of the recent conference he attended at Notre Dame. The event entitled Renewing The Campus: Sustainability and the Catholic Church. Others attending from Creighton included

Mary Duda. Frank estimated attendance at 200-250. About 40 catholic colleges and universities were presented. The attendees had an opportunity to converse about successful programs and also those programs that failed. A number of panel discussions were convened.

Ken Homan updated the Council on GreenJays initiatives. The group has been focusing on programs to Ban the Bottle. They have been active in petition campaigns encouraging more government impact. The group is also discussing a community garden to be initiated this spring.

Lennis Pederson said he would try to arrange a tour of the Morrissey Engineering office building. The attendees could see the characteristics of a platinum LEED certified building.

Cindy Adams agreed to lead the program encouraging sustainable Christmas decorations. Again this year, it is expected that the program will include a contest.

The meeting adjourned at 3:07 pm.

The next meeting is at 2:00 pm on November 20, 2009 in the Union Pacific Room in the Alumni Library.